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Drugs seized and seven arrested in police raids

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SEVEN people have been arrested as part of a crackdown on drug abuse and suspected dealing in the Ely area.

On Tuesday, police executed a warrant at a property in Cherry Orchard, Haddenham, where they discovered around 50 cannabis plants with a potential yield worth thousands of pounds – and approximately 850 grams of dried cannabis bud.

A police spokesman said: "The dried bud is estimated to be worth in the region of £6,000. A sophisticated hydroponics setup was dismantled and seized.

"Alarmingly, the power to the entire address was routed through a series of extension cables."

PC Tom Graves, one of the officers who searched the property, said: "It was hard work in quite cramped and dark conditions.

"Cannabis productions are often quite dangerous environments that mix over tasked electricity and water supplies.

"The windows are sealed to conceal the distinctive smell. The environment is usually very hot too – and this was no different to previous experiences.

"We've taken a volume of cannabis off the market and we're keen to submit it to evaluate the total value and yield of the plants. It certainly smelt very strong."

A 31-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of being involved in the production of Class B drugs.

The warrant took place just days after four other drug raids in the Ely area – to which the *Ely News* was invited along.

Operation Edison was organised last week as part of East Cambs Police's ongoing crackdown on drug abuse and suspected drug dealing.

Properties in Springhead Lane, Ely; Kingfisher Drive, Soham; Heron Croft, Soham; and New River Bank Road, Littleport were searched over four separate days.

As a result, six people have been arrested on suspicion of possessing drugs or possession of drugs with intent to supply, including heroin, cocaine, and cannabis. Cash in the value of £2,000 was also seized.

Lisa Riches, of Springhead Lane, Ely, has been charged with possession of a Class A drug and has been bailed to appear at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on May 10.

Ian Clarke, of Heron Croft, Soham, has been charged with possession of a Class A and Class B drug. He has been bailed to appear at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on May 17.

Four people remain on police bail.

Chief Inspector Donna Wass said: "Drug misuse can wreck lives and have a very negative effect on the communities we serve.

"We are keen to demonstrate that we will continue to work with the public to disrupt and stop drug offending and, where possible, divert drug misusers to support agencies to prevent them from reoffending.

"I would like to thank the public for their support."

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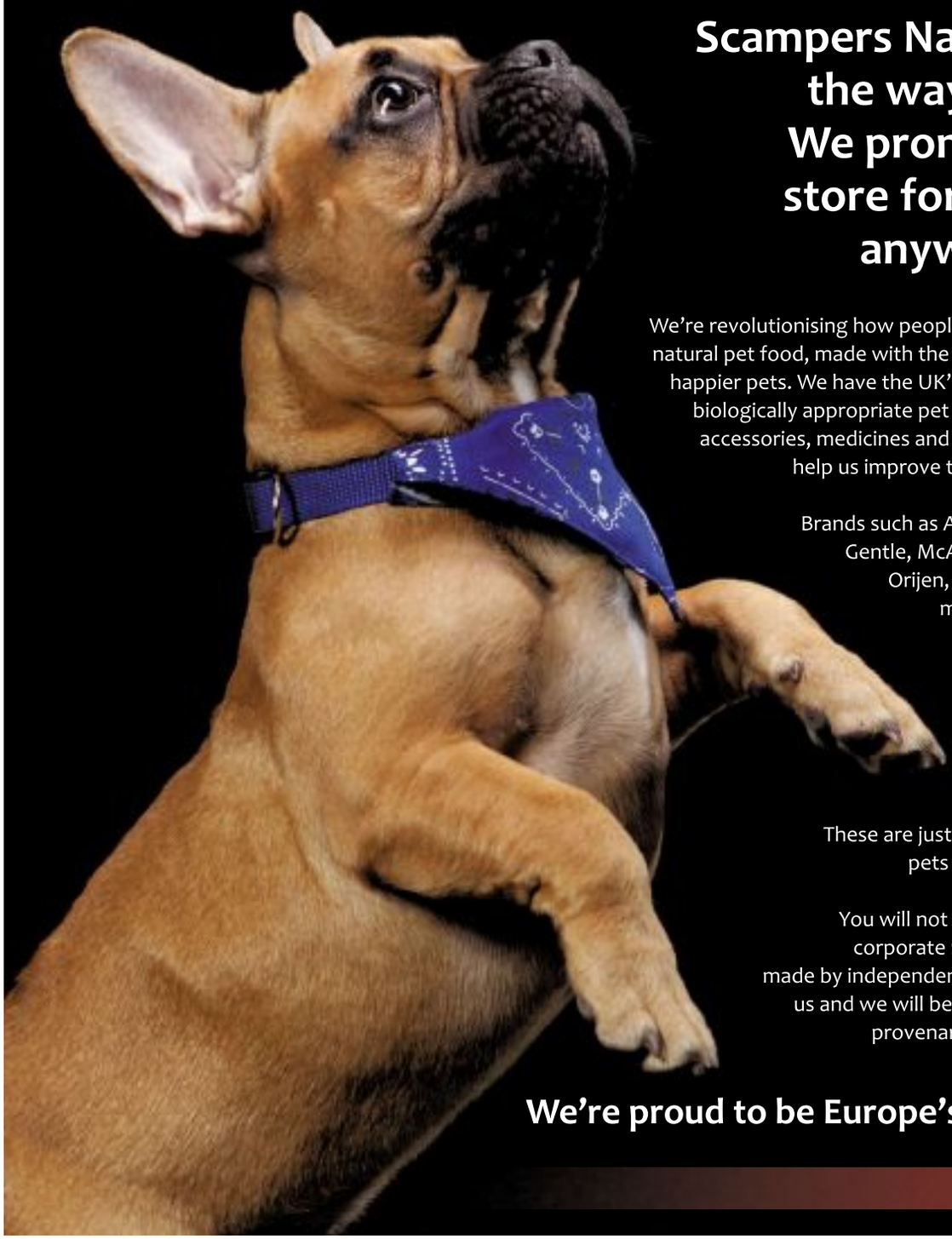

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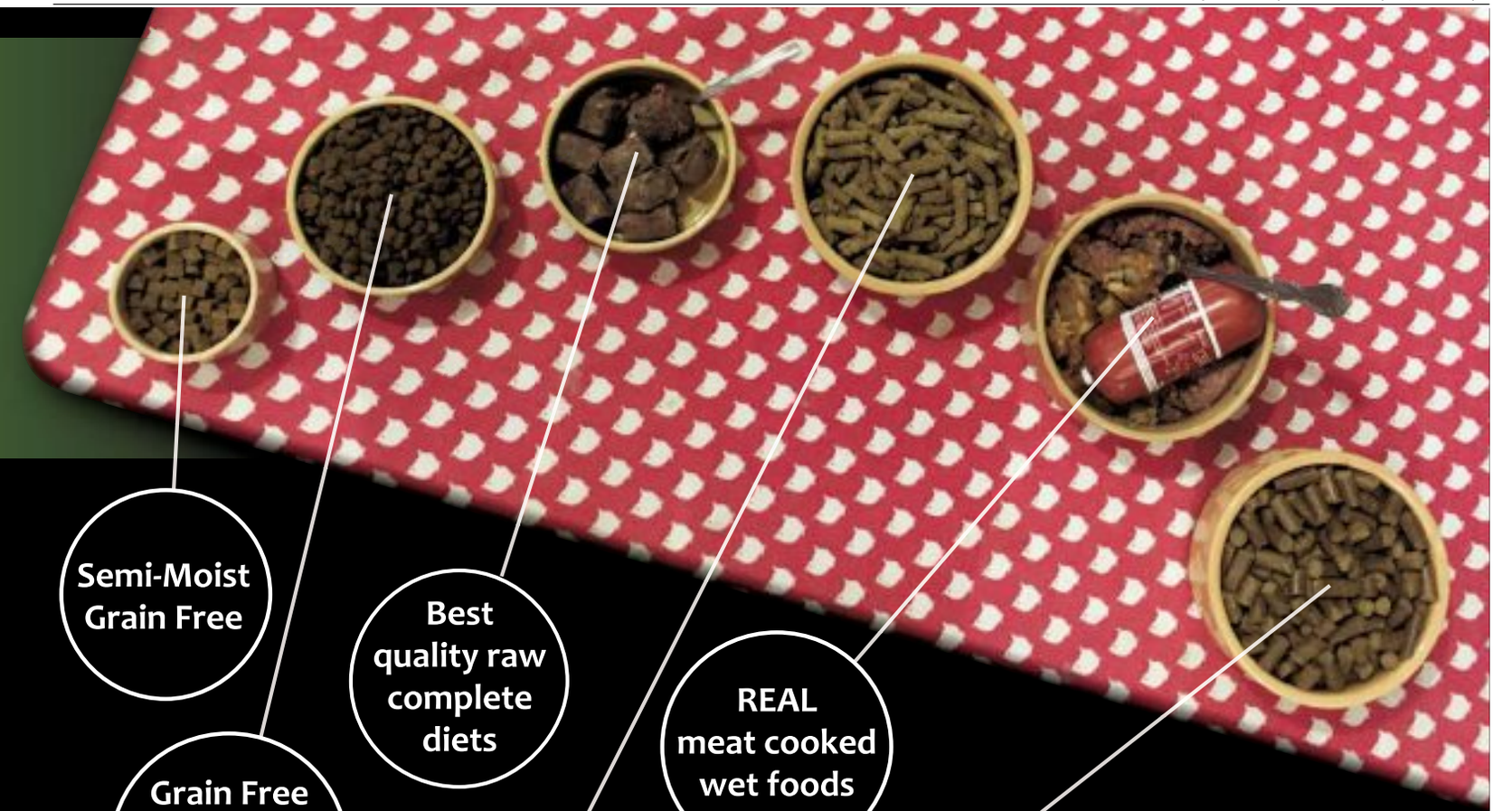

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MAY DAY FUN: Brothers, Asa, 7, and Sol, 5, at Denny Abbey Farmland Museum
PICTURE: Warren Gunn

May Day events pull in the crowds

THERE were smiles all round at Denny Abbey Farmland Museum on Bank Holiday Monday.

Hundreds of families flocked to the museum's annual May Day Monday Craft Fair.

Visitors had a go at Maypole dancing, watched Ely and Littleport Riot Morris dancers strut their stuff and enjoyed tours of the Abbey.

There were a variety of stalls, craft demonstrations, singing and a children's craft area.

May Day celebrations were just as vibrant at St Laurence's Church in Wicken on Sunday.

A May Day service was held and for the first time in around 100 years there was a community Maypole dance afterwards.

Villagers, including many children, spent every Sunday throughout April rehearsing for the performance.

POLITICS

Devolution – voting in June

JON **VALE**
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A GOVERNMENT minister appears to have shut down any prospect of Cambridgeshire getting a devolution deal without joining Norfolk and Suffolk.

James Wharton angered many local MPs and councillors with his statement to the Commons as MPs from across East Anglia raised their concerns about the 'Eastern Powerhouse' deal across all three counties.

The emerging policy in Cambridgeshire is for two deals – one for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, the other for Norfolk and Suffolk. These two areas could work together, but would be governed separately without a single elected mayor, which is proving an unpopular policy.

However, Mr Wharton said in response to questioning from South Cambs MP Heidi Allen that the Government "do not expect or plan to reopen discussions and to start again".

He added: "I want to be very clear. A deal has been agreed, on a geography that has been agreed, and it is not the intention of the Government to reopen discussions of geography."

He added that Whitehall would not compel any area to agree a devolution deal – but expected local authorities to deliver on the deals that had been agreed.

Twenty-two out of 23 councils in the region signed the draft document just before February's announcement in the budget. Cambridge City Council was the only one not to.

Lucy Frazer was the only MP from Cambridgeshire to speak in support of the deal, on the back of strong support from East Cambs District Council.

Councils will have to make a final decision on the deal by the end of June.

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IN BRIEF

Student is cleared of sex charges

A CAMBRIDGESHIRE student accused of sexually assaulting two female students on the same day during Fresher's Week at university has been found not guilty.

William Harrison, 20, of Victoria Street, Littleport, was accused of assaulting a female by penetration at St Mary's University, Twickenham, on September 27 last year.

He was also charged with sexually assaulting a second woman at the university on the same day.

Harrison pleaded not guilty to both charges in January and last month he stood trial at Kingston-upon-Thames Crown Court.

The jury found Harrison not guilty on both charges. Their verdict was unanimous.

Exhibition – 'thank you'

THOUSANDS of people attended Ouse Life's fascinating Secret Life of Ely Cathedral exhibition.

The exhibition – held at the Ship of the Fens – closed on Monday evening.

Caroline Forward, one of the exhibition's organisers, said: "This has been our most successful show to date. We are very grateful to the Dean and his Chapter colleagues for welcoming us to the cathedral and allowing us unprecedented behind the scenes access.

"Thank you too to all the people involved in the daily life of the cathedral, and to the thousands of visitors to the exhibition for engaging with our work and the cathedral in the way they have."

For more information about the Ouse Life artists, go to ouselife.co.uk.

Look up to the skies

ON Monday, May 9 skywatchers on Earth will be able to see Mercury make its way across the surface of the sun.

The so-called transit of Mercury occurs only about 13 times every century, and the next one won't take place until 2019.

The rare pass will be visible either partially or in full throughout most of the world.

Ely Astronomy Club is setting up an observing point on Palace Green in Ely, with a couple of telescopes, and is inviting residents to join them to cover the event.

They will be beside the canon from approximately 1pm onwards.

To find out more, search for the club on Facebook.

LIVING MEMORY BOOK: A launch event for the new edition was held at the Adams Heritage Centre in Littleport on Tuesday.

New Living Memory Book edition is out

A NEW edition of the fascinating Living Memory Book has been launched.

Thanks to generous funding from East Cambridgeshire District Council and Littleport Parish Council, The Word Garden has published a limited edition new format of the unique Living Memory Book of J H Adams Ironmonger shop in Littleport, which was originally made by John Lyons and Cary Outis as part of the Family Adams Project in 2012.

Copies are going to Littleport's two primary schools, which took part in the original project, and to Ely Museum, Museum of Cambridge, Ely Library, Littleport Society, Adams Heritage Centre and Cambridge Central Library, where members of the public will be able to view it.

To order a personal copy of the book, call Jean Rees Lyons on (01353) 860027.

DEVELOPMENT

Plans to expand digester plant

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AN anaerobic digester plant near Ely looks set to expand.

Bosses at Produce Connection Ltd and Pretoria Energy Company Ltd want to extend their anaerobic digester plant in Ely Road, Chittering, by building three more storage tanks.

The companies say the extension is to "serve the current energy connection but additionally provide green energy for biogas lorries".

They say the extension would lead to "concentrated harvest movements" in the winter months "disappearing in their entirety" – something which has proved controversial among local residents and motorists in the past.

In a statement to planners at East Cambridgeshire District Council, their agents said: "Produce Connection Ltd is an established farming business which grows, stores and packs potatoes for sale to customers throughout the UK and Europe.

"Pretoria Energy Company Ltd is an established and growing energy business that is producing renewable energy in Cambridgeshire and Fenland districts.

"The extension is to provide a green source of energy for use of transport for feedstock to the current anaerobic digester, as well as to supply energy back to the National Grid.

"There will be three storage tanks of varying size – one 20m diameter by 8m high and two 20m diameter by 5m, rising to 10m when filled with gas.

"There will also be some associated small plant rooms. The proposed extension tanks will be sited to the rear of the existing storage buildings and to the north of the current digester tanks.

"The proposed tanks will be screened from the south by the existing tanks, the west by the 10m high industrial units and from the north and east by the bund and current planted trees."

The companies also run anaerobic digester facilities in nearby Mepal.

Their agents said: "Energy projects such as this are supported by Central Government because they produce renewable and carbon neutral sources of heat and power, whilst contributing towards a reduction in the generation of greenhouse gases.

"It has been demonstrated that the proposal would have environmental and economic benefits due to the completion and success of the current anaerobic digester, as well as a reduction in mass transport movements by diesel fuelled agricultural vehicles to that of gas powered lorries.

"The concentrated harvest movements in the winter months would disappear in their entirety.

"For the feedstock to be delivered into the plant, tractor and trailer movements running on diesel would be replaced with articulated lorries running on the biofuel produced by the plant. Additionally a lorry can carry three times as much raw material than a tractor and trailer, therefore reducing traffic movements in a suitable manner."

The decision lies with the district council and could be made within eight weeks.

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EEL FESTIVAL 2016

Sun shines for

ELY'S Eel Festival celebrations kicked off with the City Centre Business Eel Throwing Championships.

The fun-filled contest saw teams from the Ely News, Cutlacks, Museums of Ely, The Atrium Club, Waitrose, Wood Green Animal Shelter, Micron Research, Whizzle and Sylhet Restaurant and Takeaway battling it out to throw eel soft toys as far as they could across Ely's Market Place on Friday morning.

Windy conditions affected the throwing but didn't stop the Atrium Club winning with a record-breaking 15.2m throw.

The Wood Green team came second with a 14.8m distance and Whizzle, who won the contest for the two years previous, came third with a throw of 14.7m.

Members of the public watched and cheered competitors on, and in true Ely fashion, a pair of cheeky Mallards also tried to get in on the action.

Tracey Harding, tourism and town centres manager at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "It was great to see once again Ely's shops and businesses come out in force to participate in this fun competition, which is the perfect warm up for the World Eel Throwing Competition on Saturday.

"Clearly traders had been practicing all year as The Atrium team broke the record previously set by Whizzle.

"It was a great start to our weekend and I'd like to thank all the businesses for their support."

WINNERS: From left, Mayor Lis Every with winners Catherine Terry, Jessica Crowe, Naomi McCombie and Paula Brown from Atrium Fitness

ELY NEWS: Right: Wendy Davey, Louise Cohen, Judy Hill and Jordan Day

COMPETITION: The Annual business eel throwing competition in Ely

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a weekend of eels!

FOOD AND DRINK: Jack Stein with Ian Cumming, above right

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EEL Festival Weekend was blessed with warm sunshine, thousands of visitors and plenty of fun and activities.

The annual extravaganza – organised to celebrate the city's long association with the humble eel and backed by the *Ely News* – kicked off on Saturday with the eel procession.

Families joined Ellie the Eel, Ely's Samba Band and town criers on the parade from Cross Green down to Jubilee Gardens, in Waterside.

In the gardens, there was live music, dance performances, a town crier competition, dancing, historical displays, the World Eel Throwing Competition, which was sponsored by the Ely News and won by previous winner Jason Keogh, family games, stalls and even real eels to admire.

On Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday it was the Ely Food and Drink Festival which really tickled the tastebuds.

The event, on Palace Green, featured more than 50 artisan food and drink traders, as well as cooking demonstrations and appearances from celebrity chefs Jean-Christophe Novelli, Jack Stein and Ian Cumming.

There were also demonstrations by Zahid Ahmed from Syhlet Restaurant and Takeaway, Lucy Jarman from The Old Fire Engine House, Chippenham's La Hogue and farmers' market favourite, David Bunning.

Dozens of the city's restaurants and cafes embraced the eel theme, enabling visitors to follow the Eel Food Safari to enjoy dishes such as jelly eel fudge and eel canapes.

Two special cocktails were also created especially for the festival using products from two of its sponsors.

G's Fresh has just launched their own Celery Vodka which Ta Bouche mixed into a 'Fentini' for cocktail lovers to enjoy, and the second cocktail used Ely Gin Company's Dark Chocolate Gin to create the 'Summer Indulgence'.

Sponsors of the Food and Drink Festival were G's Fresh, Ely Gin Company, Grovemere Holdings and Labour Tech Recruitment.

Markets were also held throughout the weekend, enabling visitors to buy and browse arts, crafts, vintage goods, collectables and street food.

Ely's Mayor, Lis Every, said: "What a wonderful weekend for Ely! Congratulations to Tracey Harding and her tourism team for putting on a spectacular event for our residents and visitors.

"It put Ely on the map once again and I felt really privileged to have been a part of it all. I understand all the local hotels and B&Bs were full so Ely is becoming a stay over venue, not just a destination for day trippers. This is a really important step forward for Ely as a national tourist destination."

LEARNING A CRAFT: Olivia Cornwell and Maddie Cole, both 5, learn Drop Spindling. Right: Natalie Gilbert with Poshpop, right

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I saw a vision of hell in Calais

LAST year I made two trips to the Jungle in Calais. The trips changed my attitudes in so many ways and, having experienced the conditions of squalor and desperation that people were living in, I felt I'd seen a vision of Hell.

Many incidents remain in my memory but, after our MP, Lucy Frazer QC voted to oppose our country taking in 3000 unaccompanied children, one encounter came to the fore. A young boy, small, and looking like he could do with a hot meal, a warm bath, clean clothes and a dry bed walked up to our van asking if we had anything we could give him. He looked about 10-12 years old. I have no idea if he was alone or in the care of others. Had he been living in the UK in such squalor he would have been taken into care for his protection.

I thought about him after MPs voted to reject the 'Dubs amendment' that would have allowed 3000 unaccompanied refugee children to enter the UK from Europe. I wondered what became of him, did he find refuge or has he disappeared into the black underbelly of society? Amnesty estimate that 100,000 children have disappeared during the migrant crisis in Europe. Some may have found safety, others may be exploited by criminal gangs and yet others may be in the hands of child sex rings.

When Lucy Frazer kisses her kids goodnight I'd like her to think about that boy. During the election she was proud of her ancestry; the UK offered her forebears sanctuary from anti-Semitism in Europe. They fled from fear and found safety.

Alf Dubs came to the UK on the Kindertransport, a lost and lonely child saved from Nazi horror. Alf thanks the generation that saved him by trying to extend a welcome to today's lost and lonely children. Lucy turns her back on the generous generation that welcomed her grandparents and voted to slam the door on vulnerable kids like the boy I met in Calais.

Huw Jones
Home Close
Histon

We have a better future together

THE many councillors in Cambridgeshire are against the government's local democracy proposal to have an elected Mayor for Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

Can I propose a cheap and elegant solution?

Lets have separate Mayoral elections in Cambridgeshire and in Norfolk-Suffolk in May 2017, but allow candidates to stand in either of both. If the same person is elected by both areas, then the areas are combined, if different people are elected then they can remain separate!

My personal view is that the three counties will have a better future together.

We share the same transport infrastructure of trunk roads, rail lines and ports. 75% of the electorate live in rural or market towns which have very similar advantages and problems, indeed the major towns also remarkably similar and where they do vary, they offer the region specialist services.

Suffolk gives us the major ports, Cambridge and Norwich are intellectual property generators, Peterborough our manufacturing base, the North Sea coast our social care and vacation services.

Also there is evidence that the larger mayoral areas get more time with the various government ministers.

Peter Dawe
Prospective Mayoral candidate

Sisters open new boutique in Ely

A NEW ladies' boutique has opened in Ely.

Sisters Niaz and Zahra Faisali, who live in the city, have opened Only One Boutique in Forehill.

Niaz, 32, was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease, a chronic inflammatory disease of the intestines, around two years ago.

She said: "I became really ill. It really affected my life as I had to spend so much time in hospital.

"My life kind of stopped to be honest, and I had to give up my job in marketing.

"My family are really supportive and thanks to them, Zahra and I have been able to open Only One Boutique.

"Opening the shop has given me a real boost and the feedback we've received so far has been amazing."

The sisters say their new boutique caters for women of all ages. Niaz said: "I'd describe our clothes and accessories as smart high street. We've got everything from fitted dresses for the young women to floaty tops for the more mature woman. We're catering for ladies who like to feel good and dress up."

Niaz's fiance, Ryan Waller, renovated the shop, which was previously a shoe menders. The boutique is open Tuesday to Saturday.

Search for Only One Boutique on Facebook to find out more.

We had rats in the roof too...

I WHOLEHEARTEDLY endorse Janet Fairweather's comments regarding the lack of an ECDC Pest Control service. I would also like to point out that this service was discontinued some years ago.

As a tenant living within a Retirement Living scheme here in Ely, we had a sudden rat infestation in the spring of 2012. The rat colony were living in the lofts of a block of six adjoining bungalows which included some very elderly and vulnerable people.

My first action was to contact the Environment department at the ECDC offices and was told that a pest control service was no longer available.

Our housing association refused to take any responsibility and instead gave instructions that each tenant was to individually find a pest control officer via the Yellow pages directory.

Therefore, the resulting action taken did not handle the problem as a single, whole, operation, including the source of the colony. As each resident contacted their own pest control officer as instructed, each property was treated at different times.

As a consequence the occupants had no knowledge of possible results of neighbouring treatment and/or location of the dead or dying rats.

The whole operation was lengthy and far more stressful than if it had been handled by a single operative, and we never learned the root cause of this particular infestation.

Name and address supplied

What future for our past?

ELY'S Strikes Bowling Alley is to be converted at great cost into a Cambridgeshire Archives Store which will be open just three days a week.

At the same time a unique collection of Cambridgeshire books, newspapers and illustrations is being locked away in Cambridge Library because the County will no longer pay for a single full-time librarian.

Can museums meet the demands of Cambridgeshire residents and researchers now denied access to publicly-owned material?

Or is the Internet the answer?

Ely Museum Friends are hosting a presentation by Mike Petty to consider 'What future for

Letters of the month

Rosalind Hussey's letter about the queen's birthday celebrations in Ely has been picked as our letter of the month. Rosalind wins a boxed Sheaffer pen.

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They have not listened to us!

PLEASE excuse my naivety from the outset, but I had always thought that District Councillors are elected to serve the electors, and follow the wishes of those whom they are SUPPOSED to represent.

That it was not to underhandedly do the opposite of our wishes.

The voters/electorate/local populace sent the strongest message possible that there was no support for the building of terraced houses on the Barton Road car park.

Not a single person spoke up in favour of it.

Similarly, there was not a single voice in support of the proposed closures of the toilets in the various location throughout the city.

Since massive rejection of these plans became known, we have heard nothing more about these plans, and might not have had it not been for those cheeky whistle-blowing Lib Dems who inform us in their recently received flier that the plans for construction on the Barton Road site will go ahead – against everyone's wishes.

We need the council to come out and say openly that they recognise the opposition to the Barton Road car park proposal, and declare honestly and sincerely that they will adhere to the wishes of their constituents, and look for another location for development.
Steve Johnson
Barton Road
Ely

Your pictures

FIELDS OF GOLD: 11 year old Paddy Bennett from Little Downham sent us this photo

We love to see your pictures. Send them in JPEG format marked 'Your Pictures' to wendy.davey@cambridge-news.co.uk. Please add your name, address and daytime telephone number, where you took the photo and, if possible, a picture of yourself! We reserve the right to reuse pictures at our discretion.

Cook 'real food' to stay healthy

OBESE people now outnumber those who are underweight. By 2025, an estimated 20% of the global adult population, 40% British and 45% of American adults will be obese. Diabetes rates are skyrocketing as well, now affecting nearly 1 in 11 adults worldwide.

Over the past 60 years a confluence of dramatically altered foods combined with reduced physical education and increased exposure to toxic chemicals have created what amounts to a perfect storm.

The extensive use of refined sugar – primarily in the form of high fructose corn syrup which is added to virtually all processed foods – is the driving force in creating excess fat.

As a general rule 'food' equals 'live nutrients'. Nutrients in turn feed your cells, optimize your health, and sustain life. Obesity, diabetes, high cholesterol, hypertension and heart attacks are all diseases associated with a processed food diet – a clear indication that it doesn't provide the nutrients for the body. The probable single most important driver is consuming over 50 grams of net carbs and excessive protein. Once you get net carbohydrates well below 50 grams along with a moderate protein intake of 30-60 grams, along with high quality fat, the body will start to wake up its fat burning metabolism and over time it will be virtually impossible to be overweight.

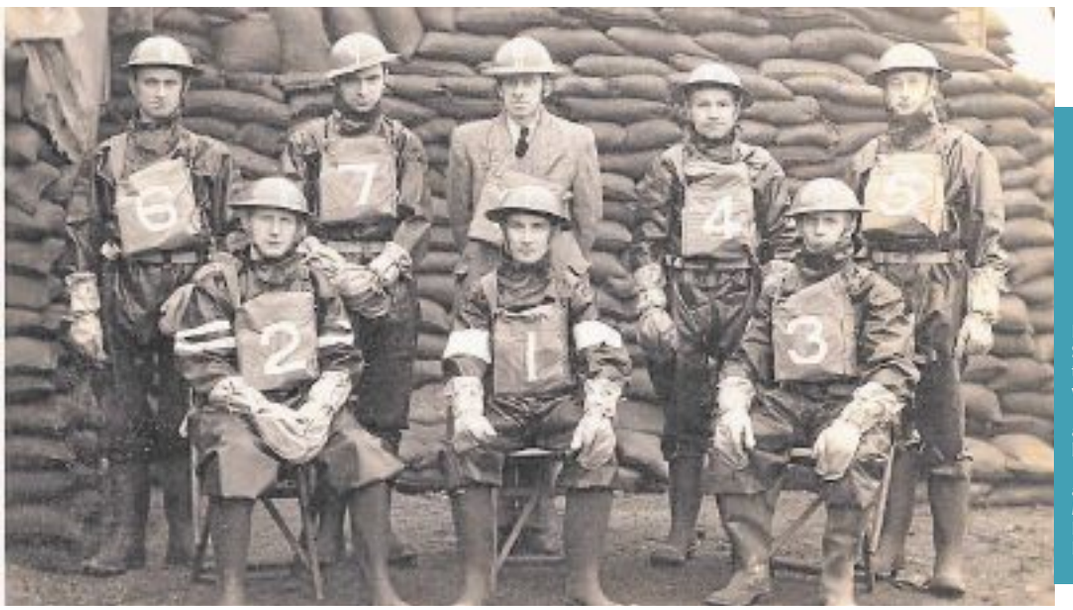
It is an absolute minefield of mind blowing proportion studying labels to ascertain what is good and what is bad. Unless of course - you eat 'Real Food' and cook from scratch.

This will automatically reduce sugar consumption. Buy organic if possible – go to Ely Farmer's Market and buy your vegetables. Look for meat – grass-finished – to avoid genetically engineered ingredients, pesticides, hormones, antibiotics and other growth promoting drugs.

Eat less carbohydrates and protein. Add high quality fat sources to your diet such as avocados, butter, coconut oil, flax seed oil, olive oil and nuts. The problem at the moment is organic generally is more expensive and for people on tight budgets not an option.

Basically we need a co-ordinated global effort to address food prices – making healthy food more affordable and perhaps adding extra taxes to highly processed food.

Although exercise is an important addition to keeping healthy, you cannot exercise your way out of a poor diet something that the 'get off your backside and exercise more' lobby fail to understand.
Kate Travers
High Street, Sutton



Do you have any information about this photo?

I WONDER if you can help. I am working on Viva's Street Life project about World War 2 and I have this lovely photograph and would be delighted with any information about it.

I'm sure I recognise some of the faces, but was it a street team, if so which street? They appear to be kitted out for decontamination.

I'm sure some readers can help me. My email address is: m.rouse@homecall.co.uk
Mike Rouse
Lynton Close
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Love you always,
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To our very special mummy.
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Deaths

HULL
Richard Albert

of Little Downham, passed away suddenly at home on Saturday 2nd April 2016 aged 72 years

Sadly missed by family and friends

Funeral Service at Fenland Crematorium, March on Thursday 12th May 2016 at 3.30pm

Family flowers only, but donations for MAGPAS and The Children's Society, may be left at the funeral or sent to

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PENDLE
DENIS

Of Littleport, passed peacefully away at Laburnum Lodge on Monday 25th April 2016, aged 90 years.

Devoted husband of Betty, much loved dad of Sandra, father-in-law of Terry, dear grandad of Daniel and best friend of Tilly.

Denis will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service at Fenland Crematorium on Thursday 12th May at 11.30am.

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Deaths

WILLIS
Susan

Of Brangehill Lane Mepal.

Passed away suddenly at her home on Thursday April 21st 2016 aged 61 years.

Dearly loved by her husband Rob and sadly missed by all her family.

Funeral service at Cambridge Crematorium West Chapel on Monday May 9th at 12.00 noon.

Family flowers only, donations if desired for Arthritis Research UK will be gratefully received at the service or c/o

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AGAINST SATS: Marina Wood removed her son, Francis, 5, from school for the day on Tuesday.

SATs strike action

PARENTS across the UK took strike action on Tuesday in protest over SATs for children.

A petition started by the Let Our Kids Be Kids campaign has been signed by 40,000 people calling on teachers to boycott SATs tests for children at the end of Year 2.

Among those who took part was Marina Wood, from Ely, who removed her son, Francis, 5, from Spring Meadow School for the day. She said: "We spent the day doing educational things around Ely instead."

COLLISION

Woman, 43, dies after A142 crash

A WOMAN has died following a horrific collision on the A142 near Sutton.

Nicola Manning, 43, of Vinery Road in Bury St Edmunds, died when the black Jaguar X Type she was a passenger in was involved in a collision with a black Ford Transit.

The collision happened close to the Mepal Road roundabout at about 4.30pm on Wednesday, April 27.

Nicola was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital by land ambulance but later died.

A spokesman for the East of England Ambulance Service Trust said: "A man in his 40s who was driving the Jaguar X Type was taken to Addenbrooke's in a serious, but not life threatening condition, as a result of the collision and a baby girl was taken to Addenbrooke's as a precaution."

The driver of the Ford Transit, a man in his 30s, received minor injuries.

Police are appealing for anyone who witnessed the collision to call 101 and ask to speak to a member of the road policing unit.

CATHEDRAL

Flowers are fit for Her Majesty

THE Cathedral Flower Guild has arranged a special bouquet to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

The bouquet is one of nine being arranged for places associated with Her Majesty in the East of England area of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS).

The guild's arrangement is being placed on a footstool at the base of the Queen's special seat in Ely Cathedral on Friday. The NAFAS often encourages members to make and leave 'lonely bouquets' around their town/village in order to promote the association.

COMMUNITY

New scheme to get toiletry essentials to young people

SUE'S ESSENTIALS: East Cambridgeshire's crime reduction officer, Sue Loaker, left, with Chief Inspector Donna Wass.

JORDAN **DAY**
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POLICE are launching a new initiative to help young men and women in the Ely area get regular access to toiletries, sanitary items and underwear.

East Cambridgeshire's crime reduction officer, Sue Loaker, is the woman behind the project, called Sue's Essentials.

Sue said: "We recognise that unfortunately there are some people who are struggling to get regular access to toiletries, sanitary items, and underwear – items that very often most of us take for granted.

"A lack of access to the most basic of items not only causes discomfort but can also lead to embarrassment and bullying.

"This can cause low self-esteem and in the worst cases we have seen young people resorting to crime in order to try and get hold of these items."

The project is being supported with funding from the East Cambs Community Safety Partnership and other community partners.

The scheme will put together and distribute care packages, toiletries and underwear to young people in need. It also aims to offer support and advice about healthy living and personal care.

The packages will be distributed by schools, GP surgeries, local foodbanks and other easy to access community organisations, and will be offered as a discreet service.

Chief Inspector Donna Wass said: "We know that when times are hard financially, poverty can push people towards criminal behaviours in extreme cases.

"We want to do everything that we can to avoid criminalising people – particularly young people – in hardship, and this initiative from Sue is part of a compassionate response to that."

Ely's Waitrose store is supporting Sue's Essentials with the provision of a green token bin at its community donation point.

People can also donate any new and/or sealed items by calling into Ely police station.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sailing club open day

ELY Sailing Club's annual open day is on Saturday.

Running from 1-4pm, people will be able to find out more about what the club has to offer, including its sailing and powerboat courses.

Families will also be able to have a go on a sailing dinghy and enjoy powerboat rides, plus there will be a bouncy castle and barbecue.

The club is in Prickwillow Road and admission is free. Visit elysailingclub.org for more information.

Launch of charity CD at the old courthouse

THE Rocking Ukuleles of Ely are officially launching their charity CD, Rock Around The Clock, next week.

Members will be playing all 21 songs featured on the CD at the old courthouse, in Lynn Road, on Thursday, May 12 from 7pm.

Tickets are £2 on the door and CDs will be on sale for £10 each, half of which goes to the Prostate Cancer Scanner Appeal.

COMMUNITY

Remembering the 1816 Riots

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EXHIBITIONS, talks, film screenings and plays are being held to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Littleport Riots.

The Riots, which were caused by high unemployment and rising grain costs, took place between May 22 and May 24 in 1816, and a whole host of events are being held in Littleport this month to mark their bicentenary.

On Tuesday, May 17, local historian Mike Petty is hosting an illustrated talk, entitled 'The Fighting Parson and the Mutineers Brother: The men who smashed the Littleport Riots'.

The talk is at the village hall, in Victoria Street, at 7.30pm and admission is free.

On Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, there are two exhibitions in The Barn, in Main Street. The exhibitions, called 'From Waterloo to Hulaballoo' and 'Banished to Van Dieman's Land', will be open from 10am-4pm on both days.

'Riot in the Blood', a documentary DVD produced by Littleport's Field Theatre Group, is also being launched on Sunday, May 22.

The documentary has been made possible thanks to a Heritage Lottery Fund grant and it documents the Riots and the events leading up to them.

The screenings are taking place at Littleport Library at 3pm and at the village hall at 7pm. Entry is free, although tickets need to be reserved by emailing thefieldtheatre-group@hotmail.co.uk.

On Tuesday, May 24, a play, called 'Riot 1816: The Year Without a Summer', is being staged at the village hall.

The play, written by local man Roger Rix, is being produced by the Littleport Society and the Littleport Players.

Roger said: "It is good to remember that there are people in both the audience and the cast who are descendants of the characters depicted, both of the rioters and of the traumatized residents.

"It is vital to note that even after 200 years, the memories of these events continue to resonate. So it is important to us that this play is not perceived purely as an entertainment but as the tragedy that it really was."

The play starts at 7.30pm and tickets, priced at £3, are available from the Littleport Bargain Centre, in Main Street, from the Littleport Society, based at The Barn, or on the door.

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SELL OUT: Over 400 people attended 4th Dimension Dance's Mind's Eye show.

Dance show raises £1,000 for Mind charity

YOUNG dancers and actors wowed the crowds – and raised £1,000 for charity.

Around 120 children took part in 4th Dimension Dance's Mind's Eye show at Ely's Maltings on April 23.

The talented youngsters danced, acted and sang in two performances, which were attended by more than 400 parents and family members.

Proceeds from ticket sales and collections at the show also raised £1,000 for the mental health charity, Mind.

Sara Ford, who runs 4th Dimension Dance, said: "The show was our biggest and most daunting yet but they smashed it and I am so proud of them."

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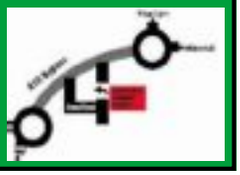

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COMMUNITY

Funding scheme for our young sports hopefuls

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TALENTED young sports men and women in the Ely area are being given the chance to gain sponsorship.

Everyone Active, which operates Ely's Paradise Pool in partnership with East Cambridgeshire District Council, is running its Sporting Champions scheme in the run up to the Olympics.

The scheme aims to provide talented local athletes in East Cambridgeshire with the facilities and funds needed to support their training and help them reach their full potential.

The sports and leisure operator will be rewarding successful athletes based on their level of current success with either a bronze sponsorship (free access to Everyone Active centres and use of all facilities), silver sponsorship (free access plus £1,000 sponsorship fee) or gold sponsorship (free access plus £5,000 sponsorship fee).

David Bibby, managing director sports and leisure management at Everyone Active, said: "As a leisure provider working in partnership with the council we feel it is important to cater for all sectors of the community, including emerging talent.

"Through our work with local authorities across the country, we have already supported more than 500 talented athletes with over £1 million worth of sponsorship.

"Our new Sporting Champions scheme will give even more support to aspiring Olympians by reducing their financial burden or training and competition costs, and will hopefully make a real difference to their success."

Applications are open to both male and female athletes, who live in a district or borough with an Everyone Active centre, or who are already a member of an Everyone Active site.

Applicants should email alexurmston@everyoneactive.com to apply, submitting a 150-word summary of their major sporting achievements to date as well as sharing their goals for the future, including potential upcoming tournaments and competitions.

The deadline for entries is May 8.

To find out more about the scheme, including the terms and conditions, visit everyoneactive.com.

LOVING LEGO: Caline Easey, centre, and Sainsbury's staff with some of the children.

Sainsbury's support for Lego club

LITTLEPORT Library Lego Club has been given a boost by Sainsbury's in Ely.

The volunteer-run club recently appealed for people's unwanted Lego and the store came forward with everything from mini Lego kits to packs of Duplo.

Caline Easey, who helps to run the club, said: "Sainsbury's very kindly exceeded all expectations and came with more than enough Lego for the kids. We couldn't be happier."

The club meets once a month and the next session is on Tuesday, May 10 at 3.45pm.

To find out more, pop into the library or search 'Littleport Library Lego Club' on Facebook.

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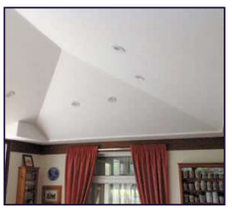

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Vintage Fair in Aldreth

VINTAGE lovers will be in their element in Aldreth on Saturday.

A Vintage Fair is being held on the village recreation ground, where there will be everything from vintage vehicles to a Spitfire flypast (at 12.25pm), as well as crafts, live music, stalls, family games and food galore.

The fun is running from 11am-5pm. Search for 'Aldreth Vintage Fair' on Facebook to find out more.

Volunteers needed to look for water voles

HELP combat declining water vole populations. The People's Trust for Endangered Species is looking for volunteers to survey waterways for water voles, including in Cambridgeshire. Visit ptes.org/watervoles.

Classic vehicle display

A CLASSIC vehicle event is being held at Prickwillow Drainage Engine Museum on Sunday.

Vintage tractors, motorbikes and bicycles will be on display – and taking part in a vehicle run – plus the museum's engines will be running.

The event is from 11am-4.30pm and food will be available. Admission is £5 for adults, £4 for concessions and £2 for children. Call the museum on (01353) 688360 for more information.

LITERATURE

Fairies making dreams come true for Lesley, 64

JORDAN **DAY**
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PEN TO PAPER: Lesley Wells, pictured with her book

A GRANDMOTHER is fulfilling her dreams of writing her own children's books.

Lesley Wells, whose pen name is Maggie Jeffrey, is the woman behind the magical new children's book series, *The Colour Fairies*.

Lesley, 64, has recently published her first book in the series, *The Day the Rainbow was Stolen,* and the second book, *The Colour with No Fairy,* will be out soon.

She has written 16 stories so far, all of which are complete in themselves, but follow the lives of the characters as time goes on.

Lesley, who lives with her artist husband, Bob, in Ely, said: "Writing children's books is something I'd only ever dreamt of doing.

"I was watching *The Apprentice* on TV last year and one of their tasks was to write their own children's book. They did a pretty rubbish job to be honest, which is when I decided I was going to go for it.

"My eldest daughter was a total fairy addict as a child and I remember she and her friends used to jump off of things with plastic bags around their arms pretending that they were fairies learning how to fly. That's where my inspiration for The Colour Fairies came from."

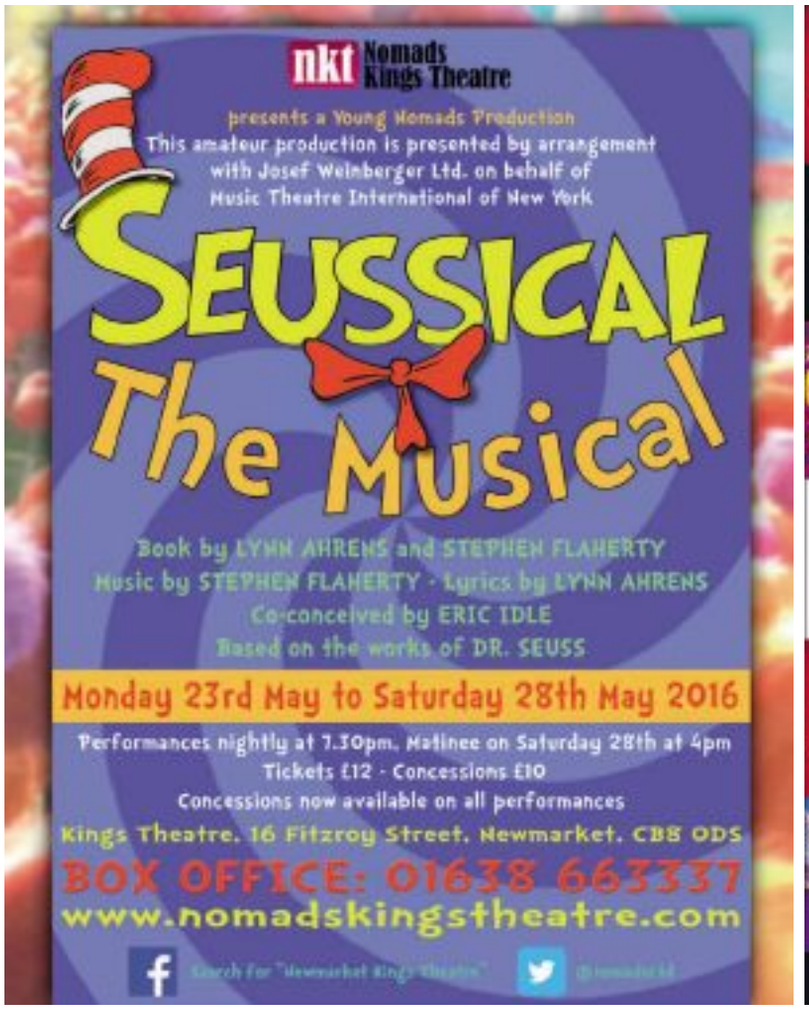
Lesley, who has two daughters and two grandsons, said: "There are now 16 books in the series but it may take some time to have them all published. They are beautifully illustrated by Angela Warren of Johannesburg.

"Each book has an educational slant in that the target audience, age 3-7, learns about colour mixing and is asked to find out facts, draw, colour or even write a story.

"They appeal to boys as well as girls, it's just that the boys might not be willing to admit it."

The Day the Rainbow was Stolen is available to buy on Amazon, priced at £6.99.

To keep up to date with the series, visit thecolourfairies.co.uk.



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FREE children's tennis classes are up for grabs at Ely Tennis Club.

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The offer includes six weeks of coaching with a qualified LTA coach, a free racket to keep and the opportunity for parents to get involved.

Go to lta.org.uk/tennisforkids to find out more.

Ann to host charcoal themed art workshop

LOCAL artist Ann Biggs is hosting two workshops at Haddenham Galleries on Saturday, May 14.

The workshops, called A Landscape in Charcoal, will see Ann teaching participants how to be creative using charcoal.

The workshops are from 10am-12.30pm or 1.30-4pm and the cost is £20, including materials. To book, call (01353) 749188.

COUNCIL

Get your pet chipped, urges new dog warden

DOG WARDEN: Jenessa Springall is East Cambridgeshire's new dog warden. She is urging all local dog owners to get their pets microchipped.

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MEET East Cambridgeshire's new dog warden, Jenessa Springall.

Jenessa, who joined East Cambridgeshire District Council last week, is urging all local dog owners to get their pets microchipped.

Under the new microchipping laws which came into force on April 1, owners of dogs found by the police or local authorities which do not to have a microchip can be fined up to £500.

Jenessa says the new rules are aimed to not only protect the welfare of dogs and promote responsible ownership, but also make it easier to track down the owners of stray dogs.

She said: "If we pick up a loose dog and it has a microchip fitted we can have that pet back with their worried owner within a couple of hours. It saves the pet and the owner a lot of stress.

"It also saves the owner money as we have to charge them kennelling costs if we are looking after their dog. If the dog is not microchipped and it takes several days to track down the owner, they could face a significant bill."

Last year the council dealt with nearly 100 stray dogs in the district. The council says many of these were successfully reunited with their owners even though some did not have microchips or had incorrect owner details.

Jenessa said: "Most dog owners are extremely responsible and caring, and can easily see the benefits of getting their dog chipped. It only costs around £10 to have a chip fitted by a vet and offers great peace of mind.

"It has now been made law that dogs have the microchip fitted so anyone who doesn't comply could face a fine."

Jenessa's role as dog warden not only includes collecting stray dogs but also dealing with complaints about dog-on-dog aggression and noise nuisance.

If a dog attacks a person it should be reported directly to the police.

To get in touch with Jenessa about any concerns regarding stray or nuisance dogs, call the council on (01353) 665555.

HEALTH

A&E: only go if it's necessary

A BLISTER on a heel, an insect bite and loose teeth are just some of the conditions that have been seen at Cambridgeshire's emergency departments in the past month.

NHS chiefs say people using A&E when they don't need to could be partly responsible for an increase of 12.5 per cent in the number of people attending A&E at Addenbrooke's from December 1 2015 to March 31 2016, compared with the same period in the previous year.

The top ten worst offending minor conditions seen in A&E in the past month, which could have easily been treated elsewhere, include cotton buds stuck in ears, morning after pills, loose teeth, coughs, eczema, toe pain, rings stuck on fingers, insect bites, earrings stuck in ears and blisters on heels.

Residents are being reminded that the minor injury unit at Ely's Princess of Wales Hospital can help with all minor conditions.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Save money and increase the value of your property

SAVING money and increasing the value of your property – at the same time as helping the environment – seems like an impossible combination.

But Ely business Thrift Energy firmly and passionately believes this can and should happen, and has been a staunch supporter of the Green Deal Home Improvement Fund since its launch by the Department of Energy and Climate Change on June 6, 2014.

The scheme, funded by central government allows homeowners and private landlords to claim a voucher to help fund improvements; including the addition of solid wall insulation, double glazing or energy-efficiency heating.

Now, having already managed to save an estimated £1,000,000 per year off fuel bills for thousands of residents and property owners by providing proper insulation – both improving people's health and reducing their carbon footprint – Thrift is encouraging Cambridgeshire locals to take advantage of limited funding available as part of the Cambridge Green Deal Communities Scheme.

Money through the scheme, which is Phase 2 of the Green Deal Fund, is available until June 30 on a first-come, first-served basis – it is not means-tested.

The funding covers part of the cost of installing solid wall insulation, up to a maximum of £4,000 per property for home owners and private landlords. The homeowner or landlord is expected to pay a minimum of 25% of the cost.

For those renting, there may be a maximum of £1,000 available for other improvements recommended on an Energy Performance Certificate, such as high efficiency gas boilers or cavity wall insulation.

The Energy Saving Trust estimates that bill payers can save up to £460 per year due to the insulation conserving heat and of course the process also improves the look of the property. The Insulated Render and Cladding Association (INCA) also believe Solid Wall Insulation will increase the value of the property.

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Ely

■ Gill McGregor is hosting City of Ely Flower Club's demonstration at Ely College on Thursday at 7.15pm. Call (01353) 661457.

■ Mike Petty hosting Friends of Ely Museum talk on Thursday, entitled The Future for Cambridgeshire's Past. Talk is in East Cambs District Council's chamber at 7.30pm. Entry £1.50 for members and £2.50 for non-members.

■ Isle of Ely NCT Bumps, Babies and Beyond event at Ely Methodist Church on Friday from 10-11.30am. Free refreshments.

■ The next auction of antiques and collectables at Rowley's is on Saturday at 10am. Viewing is on Friday from 9am-7pm and Saturday from 9-10am. Call (01353) 653020.

■ Community Gospel Choir concert at St Mary's Church on Saturday at 6pm. Tickets on the door are £10 for adults, £5 concessions and free for under 12s. Funds go to Potter's Village Children's Crisis and Medical Centre in Uganda, and St. Mary's Church Restoration Fund.

■ Professor Grace Davie hosting Etheldreda Lecture at Ely Cathedral on Monday, May 9 at 7pm. Call (01353) 667735.

■ Ely City WI's next meeting is at the Old Dispensary on Monday, May 9 at 7.30pm. Call (01353) 663787.

■ Thy Kingdom Come Pentecost Week of Prayer at St Mary's Church from May 9-14. Call 659550.

■ Dee Loakes hosting a drop-in meditation session at Ely Library on Tuesday, May 10 from 10.45-11.45am. Call 07901 774660.

■ Revd Valerie Kilner hosting Mother's Union open meeting, entitled Family Matters, at St Mary's Church Rooms on Wednesday, May 11 at 2.15pm. Call (01353) 659550.

A plant stall run by the Ely Hereward Rotary Club at Ely Eel Day on Saturday raised £300 for local charities supported by the club. The club also provided marshals for the parade and was a sponsor of the town crier competition.

Haddenham

■ 'The Colour of Haddenham' is the title of Haddenham Conservation Society's talk at the Arkenstall Centre on Tuesday, May 10 at 8pm. Paul Mason is the host.

Littleport

■ Texas Hold Em Poker tournament at the leisure centre on Friday at 7.30pm. On Friday, May 13 there is then a domino dinner and presentation night at 7.30pm. Tickets are £16. Call (01353) 860600.

■ Community market at Adams Heritage Centre on Saturday from 9am-1pm. Locally grown vegetables to homemade cakes.

■ Coffee morning at the Methodist Church on Saturday from 10am.

Soham

■ David Oates reveals the history of local business, Chivers. Soham Musuem hosts 'A Bit of Jam' on Thursday at Berrycroft Hall. It starts at 7.30pm and admission is £2.50 for non-members.

■ Soham Museum coffee morning at Soham Library on Saturday from 10am-noon.

Wilburton

■ A yard sale raised £490 last month for Wilburton School Association.

AT WORK: Martin Hanson does some maintainence work at Wicken Corn Mill, which is taking part.

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MILLS across the Ely area will be throwing their doors open to the public this month.

National Mills Weekend is on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15, enabling families to go behind the scenes and find out more about their local mills.

Haddenham Great Mill will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 10am-4pm, Northfield Mill in Soham will be open on Saturday from 11am-4pm, and Wicken Corn Mill will be open both days from 10.30am-5.30pm.

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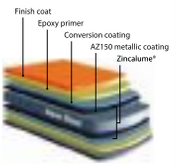

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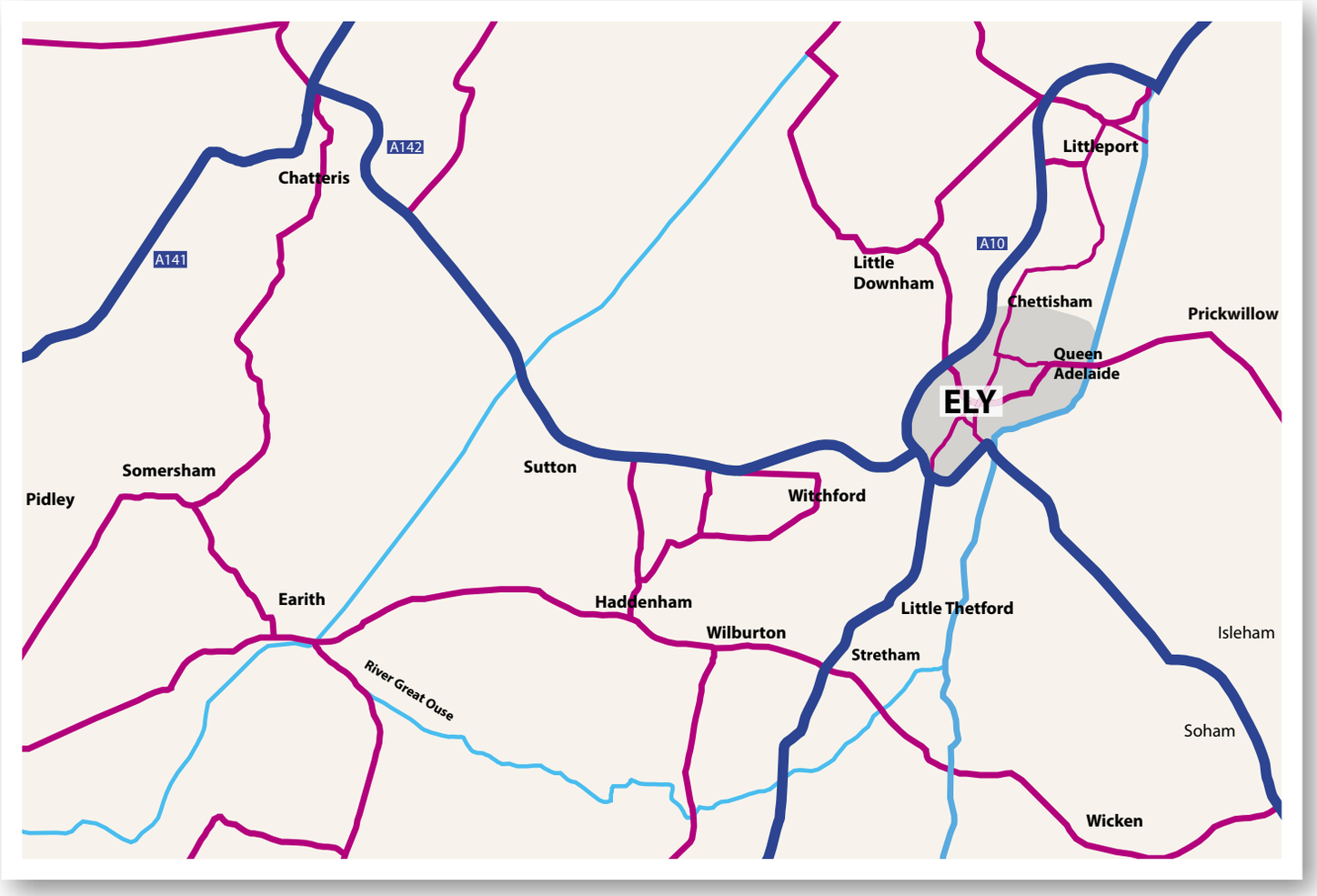

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Feature homes

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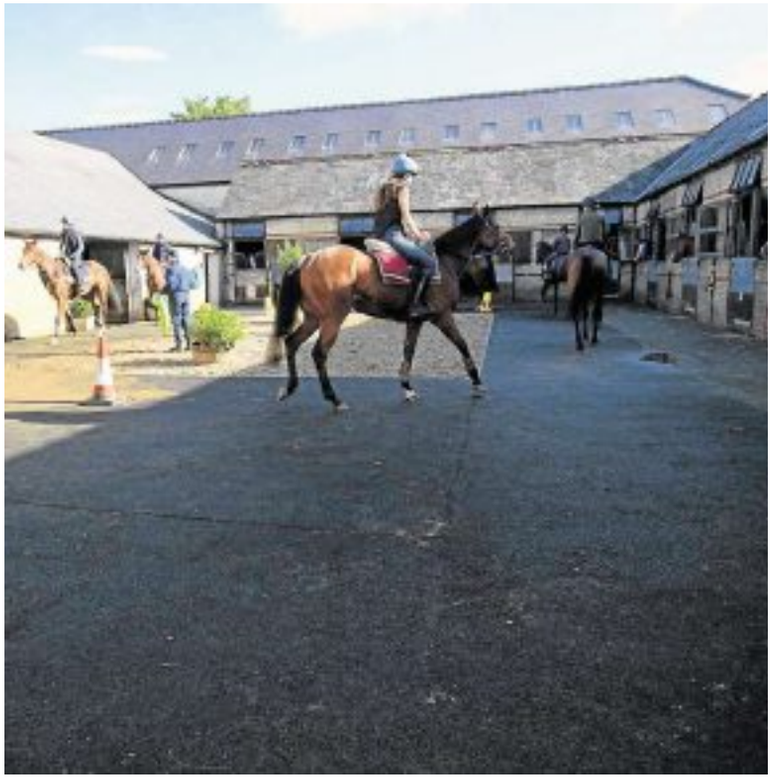

QUEEN Alexandra Stables, in Chapel Street, Exning, is a late 19th century training yard that is on the market with a guide price of £750,000.
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A five bedroom, chalet-style home set in 0.8 acres, with two stables in a popular, rural hamlet.

5 bedrooms, 2 en suites, family bathroom, cloakroom, kitchen/living/dining room, study/bedroom 6, utility room, front and rear entrance halls. EPC rating: D

NEW PRICE

HADDENHAM — £515,000

An immaculately presented and extended 1850's detached family home offering spacious accommodation throughout and delightful mature plot.

4 bedrooms, family bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility, family room, shower room, garage, off street parking and gardens. EPC rating: E

NEW

ELY — £215,000

A charming well presented two bedroom Victorian terrace home located to the South of the City centre within walking distance of the Cathedral and railway station.

2 bedrooms, sitting room, kitchen, lobby, bathroom, outbuilding, courtyard garden, double glazed and gas central heating. EPC rating: D

NEW

ELY — £164,950

An immaculately presented two bedroom first floor apartment forming part of this modern development located off St Johns Road with views to the rear, for sale with no upward chain.

Secure communal entrance hall, entrance hall, living room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, double glazed, gas central heating, parking, communal gardens, no upward chain and secure private storage shed. EPC rating: B

NEW

LITTLEPORT — £180,000

A well presented three bedroom end terrace home offering good sized accommodation and plot within this popular development.

Three bedrooms, family bathroom, landing, entrance hall, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, lobby, cloakroom, lean to conservatory, gardens and parking. EPC rating: D

NEW

LITTLEPORT — £164,950

An attractive modern terrace home providing two bedroom accommodation within this popular residential location.

2 bedrooms, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, bathroom, allocated parking and enclosed rear garden. EPC rating: B

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Sutton £214,500

A well appointed three bedroom semi-detached house with conservatory and garage which lies in an appealing cul de sac position in this popular village location.

1 3 1 1 EPC D 75m²

Haddenham £255,000

A deceptively spacious three bedroom semi-detached bungalow in a cul de sac location close to the village centre.

1 3 2 1 EPC D 76m²

Ely £290,000

A lovely and particularly spacious three bedroom end of terrace townhouse with driveway and garage which forms part of a sought after development of properties within Ely

1 3 1 3 EPC C 101m²

Ely £360,000

A beautifully presented four bedroom family home situated on a highly desirable development just a short walk from St Johns School.

tbc 1 4 2 2 EPC tbc

Ely £420,000

A much improved and well presented five bedroom family home situated on a generous corner plot with ample parking and a separate office & utility / playroom to the rear.

128m² 1 5 2 3 EPC C

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Prickwillow £340,000

An impressive four bedroom detached family home with the flexibility of the guest bedroom being a reception room, situated in a small close in this picturesque hamlet.

153m² 1 4 2 2 EPC C

Ely

A substantial five / six bedroom double fronted detached three storey residence which lies in a appealing cul de sac position on the edge of this highly regarded development.

157m² 2 6 2 3 EPC C

Littleport £164,950

A well presented two bedroom bungalow situated in a small close just a short walk from the village centre and close to all amenities.

0 2 2 1 EPC D 49m²

Ely £320,000

A spacious modern four bedroom town house overlooking a green situated in a much sought after development on the outskirts of Ely.

0 4 1 2 EPC C 106m²

Haddenham £430,000

A superbly appointed & particularly spacious five bedroom detached residence which lies in a sought after cul de sac development in this highly regarded village location.

2 5 3 2 EPC E 143m²

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NEW

Ely £430,000

Situated in a highly regarded central City location, this 3-storey townhouse has versatile accommodation comprising ground floor hallway, cloakroom, shower room, utility room, study/bedroom 5 and bedroom 4, first floor kitchen/dining area and lounge, 3 second floor bedrooms (master with ensuite) and family bathroom. The property also has an enclosed rear garden, a single garage and parking. EPR C.

NEW

Ely £395,000

An immaculately presented and spacious detached home in a highly regarded location close to the Lantern School and Ely College & offering convenient access for the City Centre. Entrance hall, cloakroom, spacious lounge opening into dining room, modern kitchen/breakfast room, study/ground floor bedroom, first floor 3 bedrooms & modern bathroom, garage, extensive driveway and good sized rear garden. EPR D.

NEW

Ely £275,000

An established link detached home situated within a highly regarded development close to St John's School and comprising; entrance lobby, lounge, kitchen / dining room, rear lean to / utility area, 3 bedrooms and bathroom together with mature front and rear gardens, driveway and garage. EPR E.

Little Downham £399,950

An immaculately presented extended detached home offering superb accommodation, situated in a non estate location within an attractive mature plot. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, utility, family room, dining room, lounge, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, extensive driveway, garage & gardens. Scope for further extension (subject to consent). EPR D.

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Sutton £179,950

A modern terraced home situated within a popular development comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, 2 double bedrooms and bathroom, together with an enclosed rear garden and parking. The property has the benefit of upvc double glazing and gas central heating and is an ideal first time purchase. EPR C.

Littleport £214,950

An immaculately presented modern end of terrace family home situated on a small, highly regarded development. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, parking for 3 vehicles and enclosed rear garden. EPR C.

Little Downham £225,000

An established semi detached home offered with no upward chain and offering spacious accommodation which includes entrance hall, lounge, dining room opening into kitchen, utility, 3 double bedrooms and bathroom, together with driveway, garage (currently used as games room) and gardens. EPR TBC.

Ely £229,950

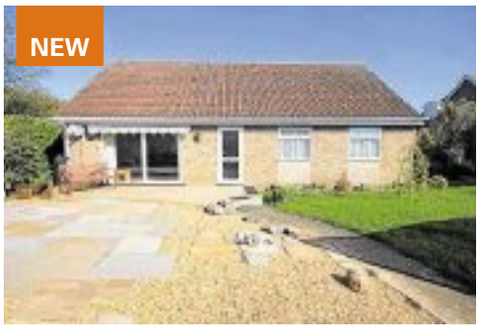
A charming Edwardian semi detached cottage situated in a highly regarded city centre location within easy walking distance of city amenities. Accommodation comprising lounge, kitchen, bathroom, 2 double bedrooms and rear garden. The property benefits from gas central heating and no upward chain. EPR D.

Ely £235,000

Situated in a central city location this established terraced home has accommodation which includes lounge/dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and enclosed garden. The property also benefits from gas central heating. EPR D.

Sutton £235,000

A modern semi-detached home situated within a small development. Accommodation entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), bathroom, single garage and enclosed rear garden, together with gas central heating & double glazing. No upward chain. EPR C.



Littleport £246,950

A spacious detached bungalow comprising entrance hall, 16'3" x 15'2" lounge, kitchen/dining room, 3 double bedrooms and bathroom, together with mature gardens, driveway and garage. The property also benefits from gas central heating. EPR TBC.

Little Downham £269,950

An established, recently updated semi-detached home in excellent decorative condition, situated in a cul-de-sac location with outstanding views to the rear across open countryside. Entrance hall, refitted kitchen/dining room, spacious lounge, rear hall, cloakroom, boiler room/store, 3 bedrooms, refitted bathroom, gardens and driveway. No upward chain. EPR E.

Soham £278,950

A 3-storey townhouse situated on a generous corner plot with accommodation briefly comprising entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, first floor 3 bedrooms and bathroom, second floor master bedroom with ensuite. The property also benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, garden, garage and parking. EPR B.

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Haddenham £575,000

A detached 5 bedroom (1 ensuite) home on a generous plot with superb views. EPR E.

Ely £360,000

A well presented 4 bedroom (1 ensuite) link detached family home offering spacious accommodation. EPR D.

Ely £387,500

An immaculately presented, spacious 4 bedroom (1 ensuite) detached home. EPR C.

Haddenham £275,000

A well presented 3 bedroom established semi detached house. Highly regarded village. EPR E.

Soham £295,000

Development site in the centre of this popular Town with planning permission for the erection of 3 townhouses.

Mepal £265,000

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Ely £650 pcm

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Ely £650 pcm

Two bedroom second floor flat. Electric storage heating, intercom entry system and allocated parking. EPC: C

Littleport £700 pcm

Semi detached two bedroom bungalow with an enclosed, low-maintenance garden and driveway.

Littleport £795 pcm

Semi Detached three bedroom house with garage, driveway and enclosed rear garden. EPC: C

Ely £850 pcm

Semi detached three bedroom house with an enclosed rear garden, single garage and parking. EPC: C

Ely

Neutrally decorated three bedroom modern terraced house with an enclosed garden and driveway. EPC: C

Ely

First floor one bedroom flat in the heart of the City centre with views of Ely Cathedral. EPC: B

Littleport £950 pcm

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LITTLEPORT £750 pcm

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PYMOOR £750 pcm

A spacious detached bungalow set in a semi rural location. On entrance off hallway, master bedroom with natural wood flooring, Lounge with feature fire place. Kitchen/dining area with base units & free standing electric cooker & feature Aga cooker. Large airing cupboard & pantry room. Rear porch area. Single garage detached. Parking area & large gardens front & rear with gardener included. EPC Band D (60)

ELY £730 pcm

A modern two bedroom apartment. Accommodation comprises of a well fitted Kitchen, spacious Lounge, Bedroom and Bathroom. Gas central heating. Garage and parking. EPC Band C (73)

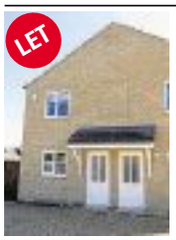
ELY £820 pcm

A semi detached house. Kitchen with base & wall units, electric cooker & single door to side of property. Cloakroom. Lounge with gas fire & door leading into Conservatory with door to rear garden. Dining room. Family bathroom with shower over bath. Single garage, driveway, front & rear garden. EPC Band D (59)

ELY £780 pcm

A 2 bedroom end terrace house. Kitchen with gas hob, electric oven & base & wall units. Cloakroom. Lounge with French doors to rear garden. Bedroom 1 with built in wardrobe & shower en suite, Bathroom with white 3 piece suite. Enclosed rear garden with single gate leading to rear parking area. Single garage with power. EPC Awaited.

SUTTON £660 pcm



A modern 2 bedroom semi detached house set in a private development. Kitchen with base & wall units, gas hob & electric oven. Lounge with French doors leading out to rear garden . Cloakroom, Bedroom 1 with built in wardrobes, Bedroom with cupboard. Bathroom with white suite & shower over bath. Enclosed rear garden with patio area & side gate to allocated parking area. EPC Band B (82)

ELY £950 pcm

An extended 3 bedroom semi detached house. Kitchen/diner with base & wall units, gas hob & electric oven, Conservatory, Lounge, Shower room with cubicle & basin. Bedroom 1 with fitted wardrobes, Family bathroom with white suite. Patio garden to rear & grass at front. Single garage with power, shed & play house. Gas central heating. EPC band D (65)

ELY £725-£880 pcm

A BRAND NEW modern 2nd floor apartment situated in the centre of Ely city centre. The property comprises open plan kitchen/ lounge. Kitchen including electric hob, electric oven, fridge/freezer, dishwasher & washer/dryer. Bathroom with white 4 piece suite. views over Ely city centre. Central heating. Water rates included. Bicycle storage area. EPC awaited

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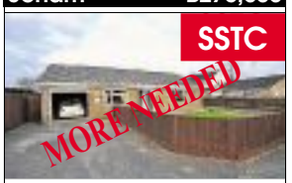
Snailwell £310,000

We are delighted to offer for sale this charming end of terrace period cottage which dates from 1883. Lovingly maintained by the current owner it retains it's period feel and character. Situated in the very popular village of Snailwell an early viewing of this property is highly recommended.

Soham £215,000

End terrace house in popular cul de sac location comprising hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. Gas heating. Enclosed rear garden. Garage and parking. EPC rating D.

Soham £275,000



Detached bungalow comprising hall, kitchen, utility room, lounge, dining room, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom. Gas heating. Enclosed garden. Garage and parking. EPC rating D.

Soham £99,995

One bedroom flat in the centre of Soham, close to local amenities comprising of Lounge, kitchen, bedroom, shower room. Electric heating. EPC rating D.

Soham £94,995

A two bedroom first floor apartment forming part of this popular over 55's development. The accommodation in brief comprises, entrance hall with stairs to first floor landing, two bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and bathroom, allocated parking space. EPC rating D. No Onward Chain.

Soham £1,150 pcm

No fees to USAF Refurbished house comprising Lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom. Gas heating. Garage. EPC rating C. Available immediately. Sorry No pets. Tenant fees apply.

Soham £1,150 pcm

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Soham £112,500

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Sutton — Guide Price £475,000

NEW

- Brand new detached house
- 1 of only 3 cul-de-sac location
- 4 spacious bedrooms
- Kitchen b'fast/ garden room
- Lounge and dining room
- Open views and 1.96 arable land
- Estimated August 2016 completion
- Predicted EPC B

Sutton — O.I.R.O. £389,950

NEW

- Charming detached cottage
- Situated on 0.24 acre plot
- Living room with multi
- fuel burner
- Fitted kitchen b'fast room
- Sun room
- 3 bedrooms
- EPC Rating D

Ely — O.I.R.O. £525,000

CHAIN FREE

- Substantial detached house
- 5 bedrooms
- 2 en- suites
- Spacious kitchen
- Lounge & dining room
- Study
- Double garage
- EPC rating C

Wilburton — £739,000

NEW

- Spacious family home
- Semi rural location
- 2 reception rooms
- Open plan kitchen, utility & dining
- 5 bedrooms
- En-suite & family bathroom
- Spacious grounds
- EPC Rating C

Ely — £725,000

- Substantial detached house
- Non estate location
- Fitted kitchen b'fast room
- Lounge with fireplace
- 5 bedrooms
- 3 en-suites
- EPC rating C

Wilburton Guide Price £450,000

NEW PRICE

- Established family home
- 4 bedrooms
- Kitchen and utility
- Lounge and dining room
- Conservatory
- En-suite to master
- Double garage
- EPC rating C

Lt Thetford — £279,950

- Modern detached house
- Popular village location
- 3 bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- En-suite
- Garage, parking & garage
- EPC Rating E

Sutton — £215,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

- Established end terrace
- Centrally located
- 3 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge dining room
- Conservatory
- Hard landscaped garden
- EPC Rating D

Littleport — O.I.R.O. £235,000

NEW

- Established detached house
- Non estate location
- 3 reception rooms
- Kitchen
- 2 double bedrooms
- Garden
- EPC Rarting E

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EPC D

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Bursting With Character!

Stuntney

£575,000

EPC G

From the moment you pull up to the secure electric gates you cannot fail to be impressed. The sweeping gravel driveway showcases this attractive period property beautifully and the interior is equally stunning.
From the attractive kitchen that strikes the balance between period and modern to the lounge with its real wood burner you will see how lovingly this home has been restored and improved by the current owners. HRT9665

Simply stunning

City Centre On Your Doorstep!

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O.I.E.O. £350,000

EPC D

A truly rare opportunity to purchase a property located at the heart of the historic city of Ely. The original two-storey cottage was built circa 1740, and was re-built retaining some of the original walls and on the same footprint in the 1930's. The property was refurbished and extended in 1986. This unusual property has most recently been used as a residential dwelling although it is likely that the buyer may want to re-configure the accommodation to suit their individual needs. HRT9906

You won't go wrong with this

Renovation Required

Littleport

£225,000

EPC D

Looking for a property to restore to its former glory? Are you from a family of skilled tradesman and want to call in all those long overdue favours? This quirky detached cottage will make a wonderful home for someone with imagination, flair and the knowledge and time to renovate this property and make it all it has the potential to be. The sellers believe that the property was once a cottage with a small shop attached how lovely to think you could own and restore your very own slice of history. The sellers loved the cottage right from the start because of the excellent plot size. HRT9952

Excellent family home

Perfect First Time Buy

Soham

£175,000

EPC C

A lovely house - priced to attract immediate interest. My seller moved here as one and leaves as a family of five, the fact she is only moving around the corner to a larger house is testament to how happy she has been in the area. The convenience of being able to get out onto the A142 so easily, means getting to work in Newmarket is a 15 minute journey and Ely is only 10 minutes the other way. HRT0068

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Space, Space And More Space

Witchford

£550,000

EPC C

When Michael and Linda first saw this bungalow, they immediately realised the potential to make it into their dream home. Sitting on a total plot of just over 1/3 acre (stms), they knew there would be room to extend the bungalow to get the living space they wanted, without compromising the opportunity for Linda to fully follow her passion for gardening. And over the last 13 or so years, boy have they realised that potential. What they have created is a truly stunning home. HRT9963

A superb plot you just have to see

To The Manor Barn

Wereham

£425,000

EPC E

The feeling of grandeur and opulence strikes as soon as you enter the Grade II listed East Wing of The Manor House. The manor house originally dates back to 1722 and was constructed of flint and carrstone, with the front aspect being refaced in brick circa 1729 and many original features still remain. Adjacent to the fireplace in the reception hall is a secret passageway leading to the level cellar, but what other way to spot all its secrets if not by looking around it. HRT9892

Be the envy of your friends

Guide Price

£325,000 - £335,000

Soham

A Character Cottage

EPC D

A happy home for 43 years is testament to both house and neighborhood. A solid house with a history - this former farmhouse has stood the test of time, my seller loved bringing her family up here and hopes the next owners will cherish their time in this house as she has done. My current owner loved the old farmhouse style building, she feels it has a charm you just don't find in its modern equivalent and was thrilled with the well proportioned rooms. HRT9873

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- A new £5,000 tax free band has been created,
- Above this, dividends will be taxed at 7.5% more than in previous years,
- Owner manager businesses could see a personal tax increase of £2,000+ from 2016/17,
- If you received more than £5,000 in dividends, you will have to file a self-assessment tax return.

Payroll

- The Employment Allowance, allowing businesses to reduce employers' NIC, increases to £3,000 for some. It is being withdrawn for single employee payrolls, so directors may wish to review their salaries,
- Employers can now reward their employees with tax free benefits under £50, which will not need entering on a P11d,
- P11d dispensations are being withdrawn,
- The new National Living Wage comes into law.

Company Reporting

- The biggest revolution (FRS 102) in company reporting for many years will change the presentation of financial accounts for SME businesses,
- Annual returns to be rebranded and a new Register of People with Significant Control to be maintained.

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LIFESAVING KIT: Central England Co-operative plans to install defibrillators at more of its stores.

Defibrillators for Co-op stores

DEFIBRILLATORS look set to be installed at Central England Co-operative stores in the Ely area.

The society already has defibrillators at a number of its stores but it has now announced funding for the phased installation of hundreds more at stores across the UK over the next year.

The society says it will work with ambulance services to identify the most suitable sites for equipment and, where possible, these will be in external locations allowing community use in an emergency at any time of day or night. Martyn Cheatle, Central England Co-operative's chief executive, said: "Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the UK's biggest killers and, after listening to the concerns of customers, members and partners, we want to help tackle the issue by getting more life-saving equipment into communities to help save lives."

Business showcase

THIS year's Celebration of Business exhibition at Ely Cathedral is just around the corner.

Businesses of all sizes from across the region are invited to have a stand at the four-day event for free.

Organised by the Ely Cathedral Business Group (ECBG), the exhibition is running from Friday, May 13 to Monday, May 16.

The exhibition culminates with a drinks reception and then a debate on the European Union, entitled 'Europe – IN or OUT', which starts at 7pm.

This follows on from a similar debate held by ECBG in February at which 500 people attended and participated.

An ECBG spokeswoman said: "We are planning to focus part of the evening specifically addressing issues raised by those who are as yet undecided on how to vote in the referendum.

"We are therefore looking for volunteers prepared to form part of a questioner panel that will have around 20 minutes as a group to probe those representing both the in and out side of the debate.

"If you are still confused by the decision we all face on June 23 and want an opportunity to take part representing the 'undecided' within our community, please contact the chair of the debate, Michael Watson, by email at s.mwatson12@me.com."

There is also a 'Grow Your Business' workshop being held on the Monday from 1-4pm as part of the exhibition where business owners can network with each other and find out how best to grow their enterprises.

The event is being organised by Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce.

To book your free place, call Helen Bosett on (01733) 370809.

To book a space for a stand and/or to attend any part of the Celebration of Business exhibition itself, email coraliegreen@ecbg.org.uk or visit elycathedralbusinessgroup.org.

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COMMUNITY

History... and plenty of fun at the fair

KEEPING TRADITIONS ALIVE: Hundreds of families enjoyed plenty of activities and entertainment at Reach Fair on Bank Holiday Monday. PICTURES: David Johnson

THERE was plenty of family fun on offer at one of England's oldest festivals on Monday.

Hundreds of families enjoyed an action-packed afternoon at Reach Fair, which is now more than 800 years old.

Mayor of Cambridge, Cllr Rob Dryden, opened proceedings in traditional fashion – and arrived at the fair by horse and carriage.

Villagers and visitors enjoyed fairground rides, Maypole and Morris dancing, magic shows, raptor displays, food and beer tents, family games and stalls.

A custom at the fair is for the mayor and other councillors to throw pennies into the crowd for the young people. Proceeds from the fair are used to support the Reach Village Centre and the Reach Village Amenity Fund.

Reach Fair was historically a grand regional occasion, hosting feasting and parades over three days.

Since 1201, the fair has been cancelled only twice – in the 17th century due to the English Civil War.

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Aled's back in Ely

SINGER, broadcaster and musician Aled Jones is returning to Ely.

He will be in concert at Ely Cathedral on Thursday, June 16 as part of his long awaited UK cathedral tour.

In addition to his well known songs, Aled will be performing music from his new album, 'One Voice', which has reached number six in the Official UK Albums Chart, ahead of pop stars Justin Bieber, Sia and Zayn.

It's his first Top 10 album in 31 years and highest solo chart position since 'Walking In The Air' was released in 1985 and reached number five.

A cathedral spokeswoman said: "Aled is well known at Ely as both a friend and Music Patron, and we are looking forward to welcoming him back."

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets range in price from £55 to £25.

Call (01353) 660349 or visit tickets.elycathedral.org.

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ROUND UP

- A MUSICAL theatre variety show is being held at Little Downham Village Hall on Saturday, May 7. Youth Acts Up are presenting the show at 7pm. Tickets are £2 on the door.

- CATCH 22 will be playing tunes from the 1960s and 70s at Littleport Ex-serviceman's Club on Saturday, May 7. The fun starts at 8.45pm and there will be a prize draw to raise funds for local charity, PULSE. Tickets are £6 on the door. Call (01353) 860378.

- PAUL Trepte is hosting an organ recital at Ely Cathedral on Tuesday, May 10.
He will be playing Karg-Elert's Cathedral Windows as well as extracts from Mulet's Esquisses Byzantines. The recital starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £5 for adults and free for under 16s. Call (01353) 660349 or visit tickets.elycathedral.org.

- THE Umbrella Big Band are hosting a ballroom and sequence dance special at Prickwillow's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday, May 14. There will also be a barbecue and raffle. Doors open at 7pm and tickets are £10 for members and £12 for non-members. Call (01353) 721061.

- BBC radio personality, TV presenter and entertainer Bob Brolly is coming to Soham. Bob and his band will be at The Brook on Friday, May 20 at 9pm. Tickets are £16.50. Call (01353) 721748 or visit brookentertainment.co.uk.

- A CHARITY concert is promising familiar songs like you've never heard them before – on accordion. The rock 'n' roll Squeezerocks event is at the King's Arms in Ely on Wednesday, May 25 at 8.30pm. Entry is free and donations go to Fenprobe to support their news service for local people who are visually impaired.

THEATRE

Tickets for Sister Act, The Musical on sale

SISTER Act, The Musical is being staged in Ely.

The city's talented CAT Musical Theatre Company are busy rehearsing for their show, which is at The Maltings from June 2-4.

Sister Act tells the hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier, a wannabe diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a crime and the cops hide her in the last place anyone would think to look – a convent!

Under the suspicious watch of Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own.

Becky Green, who is directing the show, said: "What I love about this musical is that amongst all the glitz and groovy music are a group of women who discover they are far more than what they believe to be.

"Sister Act, The Musical will make you want to get up and dance with the Sisters of Queen of Angels."

The show is at 7.30pm each night and tickets are £12. Pop into Burrows Bookshop in Ely or visit ticketsource.co.uk/cately.

CHARITY

Crowning Around Bike Show is this Saturday

MOTORBIKES and talented local bands will be the stars of the show in Littleport on Saturday, May 7.

The Crown Inn, in Main Street, is hosting its annual Crowning Around Bike Show.

The event, which attracted hundreds of people last year, is running from 11am until late and is raising funds for the East Anglian Air Ambulance and Littleport Defibrillator Fund.

As well as the bike show, there will be live music galore, a Spitifire flypast, stalls, a raffle, auction, barbecue, hog roast, face painting, bouncy castle and games.

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SOHAM CARNIVAL AND HEAVY HORSE SHOW

Soham Carnival and Heavy Show – taking place on Soham Recreation Ground on Bank Holiday Monday, May 30 from 9am-5.30pm. Visit carnival.soham.org.uk.

CARNIVAL FUN: Photos taken at last year's event

Countdown to Carnival

THERE are just weeks to go until shire horses, colourful floats and BMX bikes will be taking over Soham.

This year's annual Soham Carnival and Heavy Horse Show is on Bank Holiday Monday, May 30.

Organised by the Soham Benevolent Association, the show, now in its 63rd year, will be held on the recreation ground, in Fountain Lane.

The fun kicks off with the heavy horse show in the main arena from 9am.

Equine owners from across the region will be attending and the show ends with a grand parade of all of the entries, including the Supreme Champion.

The carnival float parade starts at 1pm in Townsend and will travel through Soham to the recreation ground for approximately 1.45pm.

Among the highlights will be the Mighty Smith Strong Man Show, featuring Adrian Smith, fifth in the World's Strongest Man and three times winner of UK's Strongest Man Competition.

He will be presenting his show in the main arena which is geared for family fun with visual humour and audience participation – tearing up catalogues, bending six inch nails in his teeth, walking on a bed of broken glass, holding a chair with a seated lady on it in his teeth and presenting a children's tug of war with prizes.

There will also be a live music stage, wood carving demonstrations, performances from local dance and theatre groups, raptor displays, Punch and Judy shows, bygone displays, magic shows, fairground rides, beer tents, inflatables, and food and stalls galore.

There will also be free to enter BMX, skateboard and scooter competitions running at the skate park throughout the day.

The event is running from 9am-5.30pm and admission is £3.50 for adults, £2.50 for concessions and 50p for children on the gates.

As ever, proceeds will go to local charities and organisations.

Organisers are also running their ever-popular carnival princess competition and townperson of the year competition.

To find out more, search for Soham Carnival (Soham Benevolent Association) on Facebook or visit carnival.soham.org.uk.

Soham Carnival and Heavy Horse Show – fun for all the family on Bank Holiday Monday, May 30.

MUSIC

Don't miss concert of Elgar's The Apostles at Ely Cathedral

ST Ives Choral Society and Ely Sinfonia are joining forces for Elgar's The Apostles at Ely Cathedral.

The concert is on Saturday, May 7 at 7.30pm and Julian Merson is conducting.

A spokeswoman for the concert said: "St Ives Choral Society's concert of Elgar's The Apostles offers a rare opportunity to hear one of the great oratorios in the repertoire.

"Scored for large orchestra, organ, chorus and six soloists, the work was conceived as the first part of a trilogy, including The Kingdom and The Last Judgement, although only the first two works were ever completed.

"Musically, this is the composer at his very best – soundscapes are vast and typically Elgarian with dramatic depictions of the calming of the storm at sea, and evocative use of leitmotifs including the wonderfully haunting prayer motif."

Tickets range in price from £20 to £10.

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Elgar's The Apostles concert at Ely Cathedral on May 7 at 7.30pm. Tickets from £20 to £10. Call (01353) 660349 or visit tickets.elycathedral.org.

CLOSER TO HOME

- TALENTED oboist James Turnbull and pianist Libby Burgess are joining forces for a concert in Ely.
Their concert, entitled An Oboe's Journey, is at King's Ely's Recital Hall on Thursday, May 5 and will include works by Telemann, Ireland, Barber and Saint-Saëns.
It starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 for adults and free for children. Call (01353) 653931.

- EASTERN Michigan University Choir are hosting a lunchtime concert at Ely Cathedral's Lady Chapel on Thursday, May 5.
The programme will include works by Bach, Mozart, Scarlatti and Lauridsen.
On Thursday, May 12, the Oslo Cathedral Choir are performing and on Thursday, May 19, it is the Idaho State University Chamber Choir's turn.
All the concerts start at 1.10pm and cathedral admission prices of £8 or £6 apply. Call (01353) 667735.

- TONY Crook is hosting a country line dance at Prickwillow's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday, May 7.
Doors open at 7pm and admission is £6 for members and £7.50 for non-members.
On Sunday, May 8 there is a tea dance with Mark Spafford from 2-5pm.
Admission is £4 for members and £5.50 for non-members.
Call (01353) 688269.

- COUNTRY musicians Brian Mann and John Hogan are coming to Soham on Sunday, May 8.
They are performing at The Brook at 2.30pm. Tickets are £15. Call (01353) 721748 or visit brookentertainment.co.uk.

- CALLING all food junkies!
Popular cooks Sabrina Ghayour and Jasmine and Melissa Hemsley are coming to Ely on Tuesday, May 10.
Sabrina will be talking about her new cook book, Sirocco, at St Mary's Church at 1.15pm.
In the evening, Jasmine and Melissa will be celebrating the publication of their second book, Good + Simple, at St Peter's Church, starting at 7.30pm.
Call (01353) 645005 or visit toppingbooks.co.uk.

- MARK Purdy is hosting a funk, disco and Northern Soul night at the King's Arms in Ely on Saturday, May 14.
He will also be playing funk and modern Motown. The fun kicks off at 9pm. Call (01353) 656828.

- CAMBRIDGE based artist and printmaker Paul Hawdon is exhibiting his work in Ely.
His exhibition, entitled Traces of Memory, is a selected retrospective of etchings and other work he has made over the last 25 years.
The exhibition is at the Babylon Gallery until Sunday, May 8.
Admission is free. Visit paulhawdon.co.uk.

NATIONAL HERITAGE CENTRE FOR HORSERACING AND SPORTING ART

A window into the

Work has been going on behind closed gates for two years, but the public will soon get to see the amazing transformation in Palace Street in Newmarket to create the National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art.
NATALIE ROBINSON joined the tour to get a glimpse of what visitors will soon be able to see...

HISTORY: The beautiful Rothschild Yard, above, will be the home to horses once again.
Right: The stunning, glass-roofed entrance foyer will provide a walk-through from the Rous Road public car park for heritage centre visitors and also shoppers heading for the town centre
PICTURES: Keith Jones

IT'S BEEN 25 years in the planning and making, but the builders' dust is starting to settle on Newmarket's heritage centre, celebrating horseracing and sporting art, as the project reaches the final furlong.

With more than 350 years of history behind it, the National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art – a multi-million pound project encompassing the Royal palace and stables of King Charles II – is in the final stages of work, and scheduled to open in the autumn.

The *News* was given a look inside the state-of-the-art museum last week, for the first time since work began, and what was a building site has been transformed into a beautiful indoor and outdoor space; a perfect window on the international HQ for horseracing.

Chris Garibaldi, director of the Horse Racing Museum, led the tour.

He said: "The centre will recognise the internationally important role that Newmarket plays in horseracing.

"This has been on the table for 25 years and will be a really transformative project for Newmarket that will give it a cultural heart.

"Internationally, Newmarket is identified as the home of horseracing.

"But for a casual visitor at the moment, when they come after lunchtime it's not easy to see that because it is all happening behind closed doors.

"This project is about opening those doors."

The stables was run as a successful yard until its last owner, Bruce Hobbs, retired in 1986 and put it on the market.

An owner was never found. Thieves broke in and ransacked the property two years later, stealing the ornate and historic fireplaces and, tragically, setting the building alight.

It was after this that Forest Heath District Council came in with a compulsory purchase order and the plans for the centre began.

A glass roofed walk-through links the Rous Road public car park with Palace Street, allowing both heritage centre visitors and shoppers – and those who want to visit the centre cafe – to walk through and eventually gain access to the High Street.

While the foyer is brand new, light and contemporary, the museum's history is evident wherever you look, and, as such, the very fabric of the building is an exhibit in itself.

Upstairs, original 1855 stencil work and bricks of the 1670s structure remain, as well as the fireplace spaces, which still show the scars left by the thieves. One of the walls dates back to the 1670s and is the back wall of Charles II's original stables.

Visitors will begin their journey through the history of horseracing at the top of the museum.

The first exhibition, Under Starters' Orders, features some of the earliest works associated with racing in the UK.

Next door, will lie the Maktoum Gallery of the Thoroughbred, looking at the science behind the racehorse and the development of the equine athlete, through careful breeding. It will look in detail at the heart, lungs and muscle of a racehorse . . . making it an ideal destination for school science trips, said Mr Garibaldi.

A National Passion exhibition room will show racing from 1750 through to the modern day.

"What came from Newmarket with 350 years of history is now a global phenomenon," Mr Garibaldi said.

"The exhibition will show the Sport of Kings, from Henry VIII to the modern day Queen.

"There will also be a part heroes and legends – looking at trainers, jockeys, owners and horses."

Education is going to be an important aspect of the heritage centre – there will be a library, which will also be available for the use of researchers, and classrooms for visiting groups and school trips. Nearby is the archive and

'Many people have been part of making this project a success'

FOR Forest Heath District Council, seeing the National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art nearing completion has been a long time coming.

Cllr Robin Millar, deputy leader of FHDC and county councillor for Newmarket and Red Lodge, and George Lambton, a former town and district councillor, both remember conversations about the site dating back as early as 2003.

"The idea started in that autumn," Cllr Millar said. "We had a meeting in the King's bedroom in Palace House."

However, the council's story on the Palace House site goes back to the 90s, when it received a phonecall to say builders were pulling down the front of the historic building.

FHDC took action and put a compulsory purchase order on the property and then began to refurbish Palace House mews next door at a cost of £1.3m.

Cllr Millar said: "It was David Burnip as legal officer [and went on to be FHDC chief executive] at the time and Geoffrey Jaggard as leader of the district council who recognised building work was inappropriate and this should not be able to happen to it.

"In the back end of the 90s the council started a refurbishment on Palace House which is where we found the sash window.

"We realised what we had and went back to the council and said we really have to grab hold of this and do something about it."

At the time, the site's royal links were not known but the council realised the site should not be used for anything else.

Mr Lambton said: "The racing planning policy is a local policy for Newmarket to stop other things being built on racing land.

"It is important that the council were not tempted to maximise their investment and sell the site off."

The Home of Horseracing Trust was set up with Peter Jensen at the helm and he has continued as chairman of the trust ever since.

With a business plan and a proposal, money and donations began to come in and the project began to take shape.

Cllr Millar said that a large number of people had contributed to making the project a success, with the district council just one part of it.

He added: "This is one of many strands of people who have made this happen and without any one of them it would have fallen apart.

"I think it is only just dawning on me how good this project is. "

CONVERSATIONS: Cllr Robin Millar, above, and former councillor George Lambton

world of horseracing

object store so that items can be brought out easily for classroom users.

Snaking back downstairs, a temporary exhibition space has been installed for changing art works throughout the year.

There will be an exhibition for Tattersalls – which celebrates its 250th anniversary this year.

Two other galleries will show horseracing's sporting glories, with trophies sitting alongside audio visual footage of the winning races.

It is outside where the older elements of the yard come into their own – and on a sunny day the stables look stunning.

First, is the King's Yard, the former Palace House stables. Instead of housing horses, the boxes will now tell the story behind the scenes of racing.

Mr Garibaldi said: "Racing is just the tip of the iceberg. In the stables we will look at the world behind that. How do you register silks? How do you register the name of a racehorse? What is the life of a trainer or jockey like?"

The museum's racehorse simulator will also take up home in one of the boxes, with others looking at Newmarket's state-of-the art veterinary provision.

And in the gardens, watching over these historic stables, as well as outside seating for the cafe, will be a bronze statue of Frankel which is yet to be installed.

As the site snakes backwards, the beautiful Rothschild Yard, with its red-brick buildings, water fountain and neatly clipped green lawns, comes into view.

Here, visitors will be able to learn about the Retraining of Racehorses charity, with horses stabled here and demonstrations to give the public a glimpse of the life of a racehorse once it has left the track.

There's an arena, paddocks and horsewalk so the racehorses can be put to work in front of visitors.

A mobile farrier will also be at work, deomonstrating his craft for visitors, in another original stable at the yard.

The National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art will be open to the public in early September.

See palacehousenewmarket.co.uk for details.

GIVING NEWMARKET A CULTRUAL HEART: Chris Garibaldi, director of the Horse Racing Museum, left

World's finest sporting art takes up residence in the Palace

ONCE visitors have completed their tour of the national heritage centre, a whole world still awaits across the street in Palace House.

The stately building, which was formerly the King's palace, has been transformed into The Fred Packard Museum and Gallery of British Sporting Art.

Behind the doors in the grand, panelled rooms lies sporting artwork dating from the 17th century up to the 21st century.

About 70 per cent of the artwork is already up on the walls.

A huge, breath-taking painting by Lucy Kemp Welch takes pride of place on the top floor – having been winched up into position through the centre of the grand staircase.

The paintings take visitors on a journey through the centuries; depicting other sports as well as horseracing.

And a lot of the paintings and artworks on display will be available to the public for the first time in decades, as until now they have been in storage.

Graham Snelling, curator of the museum said: A large number of the works we have are on loan from museums including the Fitzwilliam, the Tate and the Victoria and Albert.

"A large number have been in storage and not on display so visitors will have access to paintings that would not normally be seen by the public."

Palace House also features the earliest surviving example of a weighted sash window, still standing as an original window in the palace.

Many panes are missing but the glass that is still in place is original, giving you possibly the chance to look through the same window as King Charles II himself.

A window, literally, on history.

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SO SPECIAL: The Range Rover Evoque 'Ember' Special Edition

Stunning Land Rover Evoque special edition zooms into the frame

LAND ROVER is introducing an exclusive Special Edition of its fastest selling model, the Range Rover Evoque. As part of a package of enhancements to the original luxury compact SUV, the striking 'Ember' edition features a bold red and black theme boosting its appeal.

The new 2017 model year Range Rover Evoque also offers next-generation InControl Touch Pro infotainment across the range, providing a 10.2-inch tablet-style pinch and zoom touchscreen control and a customisable home screen to ensure customers' favourite apps are always at their fingertips.

The Range Rover Evoque, which established its own sector in 2011, has surpassed 520,000 sales globally when it re-wrote the motoring rule books and has amassed 182 international awards.

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Phil Simmons, Land Rover studio director, said: "We wanted to give the Range Rover Evoque Ember Special Edition a sporty feel; contrasting the intensity of the Firenze Red with Santorini Black really shows off the Evoque's stand-out proportions."

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Driverless era to start – against drivers' wishes

VOLVO XC90 IN AUSTRALIA: Driverless prototype is due in London in face of driver controversy

ALMOST two-thirds (65 per cent) of motorists believe a human should always be in control of a vehicle despite the development of driverless cars, according to a new study.

A survey of 1,000 British drivers found that more than a third (34 per cent) think the technology is a bad idea, with 45 per cent being unsure.

When those polled were asked to predict when driverless cars will become the norm, the median time given was "more than a decade away".

The research was commissioned by IAM RoadSmart, formerly the Institute of Advanced Motorists.

The organisation's chief executive, Sarah Sillars, said: "Intelligent cars will deliver a step change in road safety by targeting the human errors we make from time to time.

"At IAM RoadSmart we believe a well-trained driver and an ever-vigilant car is a win-win scenario for the future."

The study also found that the best liked aspect of driverless cars would be if drivers behind were not able to get too close to them, with 90 per cent in favour of this.

Chancellor George Osborne announced plans in March's Budget for trials which will allow driverless cars on motorways next year.

Tests of "truck platooning" will be carried out on motorways, which would see lorries travel in a tightly packed convoy that improves fuel economy by reducing aerodynamic drag.

Proposals sweeping away regulations that prevent autonomous driving are expected to be brought forward this summer that would allow driverless cars to take to the roads by 2020.

■ Volvo has announced plans to conduct the "most ambitious" trial of driverless car technology on UK roads.

A limited number of semi-AD cars will take to the streets of London early next year, before the scheme is extended in 2018 to up to 100 vehicles.

The Swedish manufacturer said it will be the first time that members of the British public will be recruited to get behind the wheel of autonomous driving (AD) cars on the public highway.

Adapted versions of Volvo's XC90 sport utility vehicle will be used in the trials.

They will be fitted with additional computer systems, cameras and sensors to enable them to carry out steering, lane changes, acceleration and braking without driver control, Volvo said.

Hakan Samuelsson, president of the Gothenburg-based company, commented: "Autonomous driving represents a leap forward in car safety.

"The sooner AD cars are on the roads, the sooner lives will start being saved."

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Engineers suggest that driverless cars, which can alert drivers to accidents and traffic jams, could eventually prevent 95 per cent of crashes, according to the Treasury.

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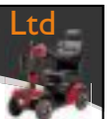

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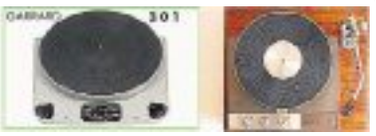

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HAPPY: Adult beginners celebrate passing their grading exams

Grading success for Ely taekwondo students

STUDENTS from the Ely branch of the Mark Farnham Schools of Taekwondo took part in the latest colour belt grading examinations.

They were graded in King's Lynn, and among those taking part were children as young as four years old.

Examiner Master Ron Sergiew, an 8th dan, oversaw the gradings, and an impressive 100 per cent pass rate was achieved.

The successful Ely students were: Felix Baddeley, Ethan Guest, James Homent, Alex Lee, James Nicholls, Cleo Olsson (1st kup, black stripe), Daniel Dean, Genevieve Dean, Christopher Kwok, James Munday, Stephen Munday (2nd kup, red belt), Finaly Hendrich, Alex Jaworski, George Patten, Amelia Spencer (3rd kup, red stripe), Keira Allgood, Thomas Driver, Anna Munday, Emily Mynott, Alessandro Rolfe, Matt Seymour (4th kup, blue belt), Dylan Borrego, Oliver Howlett, William Line, Ollie Partridge, Toby Rolfe, Lucie Teli (5th kup, blue stripe), Amy Borden, Katie Borden, Keelan Broadbridge, Jeremy Lock (6th kup, green belt), Joseph Harfield, Lola Harfield, Emily McCord (7th kup, green stripe), Lucy Broadbent, Max Broadbent, Noah Divine, Gabrielle Soars, Nicola Thomas, Sarah Thomas, Noah Woods (8th kup, yellow belt), Denas Babrauskas, James Cooper, Harry Ewan, Shanai Horsfall, Mia Kazpinaite, Izzy Kisby, Gabriel Marques-Lemaire, Noah Stevens, Zara Stevens, Jay Woods.

TALENT: The advanced students are all smiles after their success

JUNIOR JOY: Stage one (left) and two juniors show off their certificates

TABLE TENNIS

Fensom puts seal on Handicap Plate glory

ELSWORTH I brought the curtain down on the Ely & District League season with a 5-2 triumph over Fulbourn IV in the Handicap Plate final.

Every player performed well at Haddenham and there was an exciting conclusion to proceedings.

The first match was between Fulbourn's promising Daniel Hearne-Potton (15) and Elsworth's Peter Goatly (8), and some unforced errors from the latter were punished as the former won in two legs.

Nick Gatherer (13) then played Owen Davies (5) and it was several mis-serves and failure to return serve by Davies, plus determined steady play from Gatherer, which gave Fulbourn the first leg 31-17.

Davies levelled matters and then took the decider to make the tie all square.

David Lam (9) and Roger Fensom (0) were next to battle it out.

Terrific defence brought Fensom level at 22-22, when a sudden lack of attacking play from Lam handed the first leg to his opponent 31-23.

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And similar play in the second leg – desperate and despairing hitting by Lam, along with dogged defence by Fensom – gave the second leg and the match to the Elsworth veteran.

Hearne-Potton took to the table with a 10-point advantage over Davies and claimed the first leg 31-14.

The second leg saw some excellent play from both competitors, but Hearne-Potton managed to maintain his lead throughout and ran out a 31-18 winner to leave the final locked up at 2-2.

It was Gatherer's turn next to face the brick wall of Fensom, with the latter eventually getting an early advantage.

The Elsworth man continued to frustrate his Fulbourn adversary, catching him at 24-24 before taking the second leg 31-27 to put his side 3-2 up.

The next match, between Lam and Goatly, started with handicaps just about even and it was very close throughout.

Effective blocking by Goatly and wild hitting by Lam meant the first leg went to Elsworth fairly comfortably, but roles were reversed in the second leg as better hitting from Lam, coupled with Goatly's unforced errors, gave the second leg to Fulbourn.

Goatly eventually settled down in the third leg and clinched it 34-32 to give Elsworth a two-point lead.

Fensom then had the opportunity to secure the title for Fulbourn against Hearne-Potton, who started 15 points up.

An excellent first leg was ultimately won by Fensom, before a good spell of crisp hitting helped Hearne-Potton level matters.

The deciding leg saw Fensom gradually reel in his opponent and, after mainly keeping the ball on Hearne-Potton's backhand, he triumphed 31-26.

The organisers would like to thank Haddenham for hosting and providing refreshments.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

McLean grabs a late draw for Isleham girls

ISLEHAM under-13 girls remained unbeaten in the S-Tech League, South Division after a 2-2 draw with Cambridge City.

It was City who took the lead but Amy McLean brought champions Isleham level just before half time.

The second half was evenly contested, but City eventually regained the lead.

With time running out, Isleham looked to be heading for their first defeat of the season.

But a fine piece of skill from McLean levelled the scores again and made it 2-2 with almost the last kick of the game.

Isleham won the SCI tournament in Great Yarmouth at the weekend.

The team won all six of their matches. They scored 30 goals and conceded none.

NETBALL

Narrow defeat for junior netball squad

CITY of Ely Netball Club under-14s showed their versatility in a 31-28 loss to CoJags C.

Chloe Coxall played wing-attack, with Francesca Capel rising to the challenge as goalkeeper and Sophie Edwards easing into the role of centre.

In the Summer League, City lost to Swan, despite the best efforts of Ella Simper, who was playing in her first under-14 league match.

The Katie Colson Cup squad completed their season with a defeat to overall winners Rockets II.

City of Ely II were defeated by Icons in midweek, losing by 20 goals.

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Sailing pair in good form in youth league

Sailing

ELY sailors Kirk Stamford and Ted Pepper enjoyed some good results in the Cam Youth League recently.

In the first of three races, Stamford had an excellent start, and he pulled away from the rest of the field.

Pepper also began well, and the two tussled for position as the first Topper.

Stamford held off his clubmate though, and took first place.

The wind was stronger in the second race, but Stamford made an even better start than in the first race.

Pepper capsized but Stamford enjoyed a drama-free race and was again the first Topper to cross the finish line. Pepper finished in 12th.

The wind died down for the final race, but once again the Ely duo made impressive starts.

Stamford continued his consistent form to come home as first Topper, with Pepper not far behind.

TOPPER THE CLASS: Kirk Stamford (right) and Ted Pepper

Ely end season with hard-fought victory

Football

ELY City ended their successful Thurlow Nunn League, First Division campaign with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Halstead.

The Robins went into the game in celebratory mood having already secured promotion to the Premier Division at the first attempt following last season's relegation.

And a scrappy encounter, with few chances at either end, saw Brady Stone's men have to dig deep at times to keep the opposition out.

Halstead went into the game with hopes of finishing in third place and securing promotion at the expense of rivals Great Yarmouth, but they needed a win to have any chance.

The home side were on a winning streak that stretched to 13 league games, but they had to wait until the 89th minute for the winner to take them to 14 wins in a row.

It was substitute Luke Mansfield who scored it, heading home Jamie Alsop's corner to score his second goal in a week.

"It was a great way to finish off the season," said Stone.

"The players put in a really good shift. Halstead gave it a good go as they had to win and hope that Great Yarmouth lost so they had something to fight for."

Stone continued: "It was quite a hard game but there were chances at both ends, and both keepers made good saves.

"A draw would probably have been a fair result."

Korfball

Lions roar after safety is secured

LITTLEPORT Lions I ensured their Cambridgeshire League, Division One survival with a 19-15 win over Cambridge City I.

Lions started well and bagged six goals in the first five minutes, but City fought back and by half time they held a slim 9-7 advantage.

But Littleport went back on the attack early in the second half and established a six-point lead.

Laura Neaves was forced off with injury, making for a nervy spell late on, but despite City coming back with four quick goals, Lions responded with two long-range efforts and a penalty to clinch the win.

Captain Alex Andrews, who was top scorer with eight goals, said: "I was very proud of the entire team for a really brave and dedicated performance.

"We played our hearts out and proved we belong in Division One."

Meanwhile, Ely Vikings III beat Lions II 9-7 to avoid the drop from Division Two.

Dave Hodge led the way for Vikings with five goals, while 13-year-old Emily McLeish performed well on her debut.

Cycling

Loveday leading charge at Sawtry

CLIFF Loveday was first rider home for Ely & District Cycling Club/B&T Motor Repairs in the Northampton & DDCA 10 time trial on the old A1 road at Sawtry.

Loveday clocked 25min 30sec, a minute quicker than Phil Peacock, who recorded 26.29, with Francesca Rust coming home in 27.41.

And in the VTTA 10, on the A14 near Bury St Edmunds, Matt Eley was Ely's leading cyclist in 22.19.

Robert Golding clocked 23.21, Martin Holmes 24.14, Alison Holmes 30.17, Derek Ricketts 25.38 and Rust 27.41, but Phillip Gosling did not finish.

Club captain Derek Ricketts said: "It was a tough morning, very cold with a horrible unhelpful wind."

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